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MOTORISTS.****INCREASED TAXATION
FORESHADOWED.****PETROL AND HORSE-POWER
TAXES RECOMMENDED.****COMMITTEE'S REPORT.**

A considerable increase in the cost of motoring in the Colony is foreshadowed by the issue this morning of a Report of a Government Committee appointed to consider and advise on the taxation of motor vehicles.

The announcement will probably take local motorists completely by surprise as no hint of the appointment of the Committee had been given. Important, and somewhat sensational recommendation are made, including the complete cancellation of the present system, and the introduction of a petrol tax, a horse-power tax, and special taxes for public and commercial vehicles.

Britain's System.

The effect of the recommendations is to bring motor taxation in Hongkong in line with the system adopted in Great Britain. The Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe and the Hon. Mr. C. McLean Meager were the members of the Committee, the Report of which is to be laid on the table at the Legislative Council to-morrow.

It is presumed that if the recommendations are accepted by the Government, they will be enforced on July 1st, when the date for renewal of licences comes round.

The Petrol and H. P. Taxes.

The Committee recommend that the Taxation on motor vehicles be as follows:

A duty of 10 cents per gallon on light oils (petroleum etc.) as defined by the Home Regulations. No rebates to be allowed on such oils used for purposes other than fuel for motor vehicles.

In addition to the above:-

(a) Private motor cars and motor cycles—\$2 for each unit, or part of a unit of horse-power. Such horse power to be calculated in the same way as in England. Side cars to motor cycles \$5. In addition to the above:-

(b) Hackney motors (vehicles standing or plying for hire, buses, etc.)—Per seating capacity for each seat excluding the driver's seat, \$10.

(c) Commercial goods vehicles constructed or adapted for use and used solely for the conveyance good in the course of trade.

Weight unladen. Annual Licence.

Not exceeding 12 cwt \$24.
Exceeding 12 cwt. but not exceeding 1 ton 36
Exceeding 1 ton but not exceeding 1½ tons 48
For each additional ¼ ton or part 12

The above annual licence fees are for vehicles fitted with pneumatic tyres. The licence fees for vehicles fitted with solid tyres shall be 100% in addition to the above for each pair of wheels so fitted.

Registration Discs.

It is also recommended that Registration discs be carried on the vehicles themselves similar to the discs in use in Great Britain. This is an easy method to check that hence fees have been duly paid.

As regards a Petrol Tax, the Committee state that it is now generally considered that a Petrol Tax is the fairest method of taxation for motor vehicles as by this means the tax is proportional to the use made of roads. In Great Britain the tax has now been re-introduced. Objections to a petrol tax are any question of rebated where petrol is used for other purposes, or for cars used for particular purposes i.e. doctors' cars.

In Great Britain there are now no rebates given and the only satisfactory principle is not to grant any rebates.

Another difficulty was definition, this is now got over by the definition of light oils introduced into the English Finance Act, of (Continued on Page 12.)

**LABOUR ELECTION
PROGRAMME.****BIG SCHEME TO STIMULATE
EMPLOYMENT.****APPEAL TO WOMEN.**

London, Apr. 30. The Labour Party's manifesto outlining its programme for the coming General Election has been issued.

It upholds ordered progress by democratic methods and lays down a comprehensive scheme to stimulate employment. This consists of:

Housing.
Slum clearance.
Electrification.
Reorganisation of transport.
New roads.
Afforestation.

Reorganisation of the coal industry.

The re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Russia.

An agricultural policy co-ordinated with town policy.

The abolition of food taxes.

Equal educational opportunities, opening the road "from the Nursery School to the University."

Extension of the pension scheme.

Ratification of the Washington Eight-Hour Convention.

Amendment of the Trade Union Law.

The manifesto specially appeals to women, promising to deal with maternal mortality, and legal, social and economic anomalies affecting women and children, as well as to apply the principle of equal treatment for men and women.—Reuter.

**THE SQUEEZE RING
TRIAL ENDS.****CONSTABLE DISCHARGED BY
THE COURT.****EVIDENCE LACKING.**

The case against Wong Kam-sing, a constable attached to the Hawks' Licenses Department, who is charged with misconduct by exacting "squeeze" from hawkers, was continued before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning.

Cross-examined by Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton for the defence, Sub-Inspector E. J. Field, the officer in charge of the Department, said that the defendant had expressed a wish to be transferred to uniform duty, on the score that he was not in agreement with the other constables of the Department, but that was only after these latter had absconded.

Asked if he was a plain-clothes constable, he said he knew defendant as being a plain-clothes constable. He had paid in "squeeze" not directly to the defendant, but through a man whom he designated as "that pock-marked fellow." In return he got a pass-word which he gave to defendant when the latter questioned him about his license. This latter incident occurred at 3 p.m. on April 20, while he was selling sugar-canies on the Praya.

Questioned by Mr. Hamilton, witness said he could not recall what pass-word it was that he gave to the defendant.

After further evidence, accused was discharged.

**INDIAN AIR-LINER'S
MISHAP.****TAIL-SKID DAMAGED AT
BAGDAD.**

Bagdad, Apr. 30.

The first accident to an Imperial Airways liner on the London-India mail service occurred to-day to a machine bound for London.

The plane, taxi-ing in the aerodrome, prior to taking off for Cairo, ran over an underground petrol tank, which broke off the tail skid and damaged the fuselage.

The machine, consequently, was unable to leave. It is anticipated that the mails will be 24 hours late in Cairo, but that it will be possible to make up time between there and Croydon.—Reuter.

**TWO VIEWS ON THE
YEO FRAUDS?****MR. MESSER TAXED ON
ALLEGED DOUBT.****KEEN CROSS-EXAMINATION IN
BANK CASE.****A JURYMAN ABSENT.**

The case in which the Government is suing the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for \$260,000 in respect of three forged cheques was continued at the Supreme Court before Sir Henry Collan and a special jury of six, the Chief Justice intimating that he had received a letter stating that Mr. S. M. Churn, one of the jurors, was suffering from tonsilitis and might be absent for some days.

His Lordship pointed out that the Ordinance made provision for an incident of this kind and ordered the case to proceed with the remaining jurors.

Mr. Jenkins continued his cross-examination of the Colonial Treasurer, quoting from the letters sent by both the Treasury and the Bank in connexion with the disputed cheques when the discovery was made.

Mr. Jenkins:—I want if I can to square these two letters with your attitude as known to the Bank and your attitude generally in regard to the whole occurrence. You told us yesterday that until this case took place the relations between you and the Bank were of the most friendly terms?—Yes.

You had known Mr. Grayburn well for a number of years?—Yes.

You also knew Mr. Hogarty quite well?—I can't say quite well, I have met him a number of times.

Friendly Before This Case.

And your dealings with both these gentlemen have been perfectly friendly?—Excluding this case, yes.

If Mr. Grayburn had understood from you quite clearly that your view was that these cheques were forged, can you account for his writing a letter in the terms he did, if he clearly understood from you what your position was?—Certainly. To put the matter in writing.

It is not quite the letter you would have expected to be written if you were always friendly?—I see nothing wrong in it.

Do you suggest that your letter is the kind of open, frank letter which would have been written by you if you had made clear to the Bank officials that these cheques were forgeries?—We have a rule that if there is a possibility of law action, we refer the matter to law officers of the Crown. I should be guided by their advice.

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**"KAUSING" NOT A
SUCCESS.****CONVERSION TO MOTOR
POWER TOO COSTLY.****SUGGESTION TO SELL.**

There is to be laid on the table at the Legislative Council to-morrow afternoon a sessional paper giving the Harbour Master's reply to the recent question asked by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock on the feasibility of substituting motor-engines for the present engines of the rescue-tug "Kausing."

After reviewing the conditions and circumstances under which the "Kausing" was built, the Harbour Master says it has now been found from practical experience of the tug that:

(a) owing to having only a single screw she is practically unmanageable in typhoon weather when attempting to manoeuvre alongside a ship.

(b) from cold boilers it takes 12 hours to raise steam and that even with fires bunkered in one boiler it is not considered safe to send her outside Harbour limits until such time as steam has been raised in the second boiler.

The question of converting the "Kausing" to motor engines has been carefully gone into and I forward herewith a memorandum to the Government Marine Surveyor on the subject. (This memorandum sets forth details of alterations and cost.)

As all the machinery in the "Kausing" is at present steam driven it necessarily follows that if the present boilers and engines are removed to make way for motor engines all the present auxiliary machines (capstan, steering engine etc.) must be removed also, and electrical machinery fitted in lieu thereof together with a large dynamo to supply the necessary power. The estimated market value of the present machinery is about \$25,000 and the estimated cost of the alterations \$380,000 leaving a debit balance of \$355,000.

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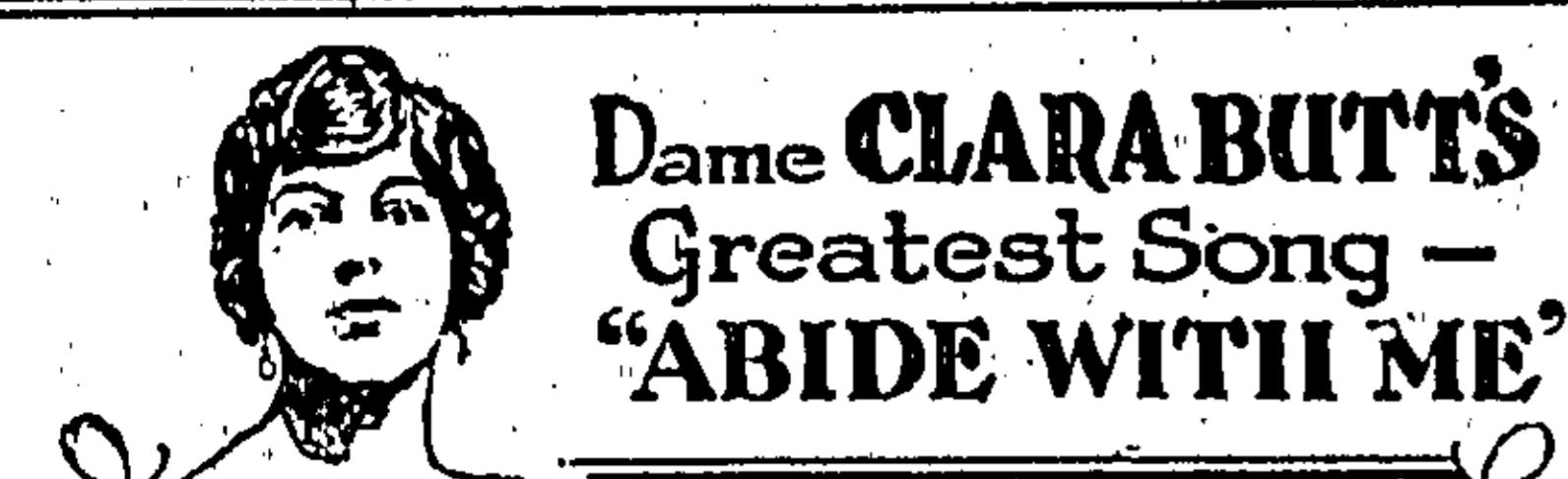
**SOCIAL PROBLEM
IN MALAYA.****SEX DISPROPORTIONS
TO BLAME.****AN INTERESTING DEBATE ON
COLONIAL POLICY.****DEVELOPMENT FUND.**

London, Apr. 30.

Social problems in the Straits Settlements were much the fore during the discussion on the Colonial Office Estimates in the House of Commons to-day, when the Government was criticised for its lassitude in the face of the recent outbreak of cholera.

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WEDDING BELLS.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A very pretty wedding, in which considerable interest was taken, was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, when Miss Margaret Ada Kent, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kent, became the bride of Lieut. Kenneth Wyn Maurice-Jones, D.S.O., R.A., son of the Rev. Canon Maurice-Jones, D.D., and Mrs. Maurice-Jones, St. David's College, Lampeter, Cardiganshire, Wales.

The ceremony, which was attended by a large number of friends of the parties, was conducted by the Very Rev. Dean Swann.

The bride looked charming in a picturesquely bouffant gown of fine Honiton lace over parchment satin, on which was arranged a garland of dainty velvet buds in pastel shades, which effected a delicate contrast to the beautiful creation. The gown, which fell in stately folds to her ankles, was devoid of any trimming save for a large satin bow falling from the waistline at the back. She wore a lovely tulle veil, edged with lover's knots, surmounted by a chaplet of orange blossoms and white heather. A rope of seed pearls and a spray of rump lilies and maiden hair fern completed a striking model. She was given away by her father, Mr. Walter Kent, Assistant Superintendent of Police.

The bridesmaids were Miss Patricia Hynes, Miss Molly George, Miss Marian Vincent and Miss Pat Chevallier. They were dressed in bouffant gowns of prevenche blue, pale gold, mauve and peach taffeta. The skirts were finished with tulle, which touched the tips of their dainty taffeta slippers. The only trimming was a taffeta bow which fell from the neckline to the ground at the back. On their hair were bandeaux of tulle edged with tiny taffeta buds, and they carried flowers to blend. Two of the bridesmaids carried sheafs of pale and blush pink gladioli and gold gladioli, and the smaller bridesmaids Victorian posies of pink African daisies and mauve larkspur.

The bride's mother was attired in beige georgette gown over satin, with a large black picture hat and shoes and stockings to tone in beige.

The "best man" was Lieut. E. H. Walters, R.A.

At the conclusion of the ceremony a largely-attended reception was held at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel, where the happy couple were the recipients of the congratulations of their many friends. The usual toasts were honoured.

The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay and Manila. The bride's going away dress was a striking sleeveless New York model of coral pink georgette, embroidered with cornflower blue and gold silk under a coat of the same material, the edge of which was finished with dainty jabots and fastened at the waist with a blue pearl buckle. The ensemble was completed by pearl beige shoes and stockings and a black picture hat trimmed with large flowers to tone.

WAR ON SZECHUAN.

CHIANG ORDERS AN ATTACK TO BE MADE.

Hankow, Apr. 30. Chiang Kai-shek has ordered Ching Fat-kwei and Hsi Tao-yin, together with the reorganised Hupehites, all of whom are at present in West Hupeh, to commence operations against Yang Sen and other independent Szechuan Generals, so as to bring Szechuan completely under the dominance of the Government.

Liu Hsing has already signified his allegiance to Nanking, and it is understood he will assist the Government troops to root out the lesser Szechuanites.—Reuters.

ALLEGED ROBBERY.

TWO MEN FACE CHARGES AT KOWLOON MAGISTRACY.

An armed robbery committed last month had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon when two Chinese appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith on charges of participation in the affair.

Detective Inspector Fallon conducted the case for the Crown and in detailing the facts of the case to his Worship said that the second floor of No. 60, Laichikok Road, where the defendants were alleged to have committed the robbery, with three others, was occupied by a Chinese doctor and his family.

On March 18, a woman in answer to a notice posted at the foot of the stairs leading to the house, applied to the doctor to rent a cubicle which was vacant. Negotiations having been concluded the woman went into occupation on March 20. Some days later she was joined by a man whom she introduced as her husband.

There was nothing out of the ordinary until March 26, when the woman went out, saying that she was going to the theatre, and failed to return for the night. The husband, however, had remained on the floor and had slept in the cubicle.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the following morning someone knocked at the door and a voice was heard to enquire for Sin Wah, the new tenant. The door was opened and a man, who according to the witnesses, was the first defendant, entered the floor. He went into the hired cubicle and was engaged in conversation with Sin Wah for nearly an hour when another knock was heard.

There was the same request for Sin Wah and on the door being opened three other men were admitted. These, the tenant told the other occupants of the floor, were his foils. The entire party then went into the cubicle but were not there for more than five minutes when they emerged and produced two revolvers and two daggers with which they proceeded to hold up the inmates of the floor.

Evidence would be given that the first defendant was armed with a dagger and actually stabbed the doctor during a struggle which ensued. Meeting with opposition from the doctor the men abandoned their attempt and ran away. They were chased by two boys but managed to escape.

In April certain information was received by the Police and the first defendant was arrested in Yu Chu Street, Shamshui-po, while the second defendant was arrested in Kremer Street, Tai-koitsui. They were both put up for identification, but only one witness recognised the first defendant while two identified the second.

Evidence was then taken and the case was adjourned.

SMALL-POX IN U.S.

ALARM CAUSED BY EPIDEMIC IN MASSACHUSETTS.

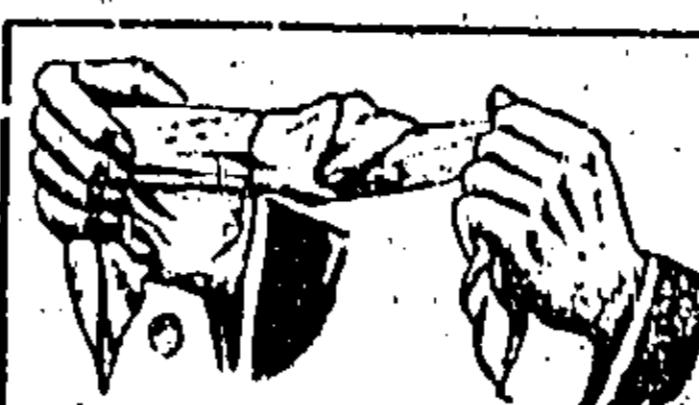
Middleboro, Mass., Apr. 30. The local health officials are alarmed by an epidemic of small-pox.

Hitherto there are a hundred cases reported. There is no suggestion of the epidemic being due to any European contact.—Reuters' American Service.

London Increase.

London, Apr. 30. There are now 291 small-pox cases in London.—Reuters.

[This shows a decided increase. The figures given on April 26 were 245.]



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SANITARY BOARD.

DR. S. C. HO'S TERM EXPIRING SHORTLY.

During the absence of Mr. W. J. Carrie, who is on sick leave, Mr. N. L. Smith has been appointed Head of the Sanitary Department and in that capacity he yesterday presided over the fortnightly meeting of the Board. Others present were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Crensy, C.B.E., the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Dr. H. A. Fawcett, Dr. S. C. Ho, Messrs. Wong Kwong-tin and T. N. Chau.

In mentioning the minute by the President relative to the appointment of Mr. T. N. Chau, Dr. S. C. Ho and Dr. W. V. M. Koch to be members of the respective Standing Committees, the Chairman said that he understood Dr. Ho had announced his intention of not standing for re-election to the Sanitary Board when his term expired in a few weeks' time. The Chairman mentioned that Dr. Ho would remain a member until his term expired and the vacancy would be considered in due course.

Referring to the plan for the proposed market at Kowloon Tong, the Chairman intimated that he had not seen the papers and thought that there would be no harm if the question was deferred for a fortnight. He did not feel like going into the papers as he was only acting temporarily.

Hon. Mr. Braga agreed to the procedure suggested and the question was adjourned till the next meeting.

SEAMAN'S DEATH.

FUNERAL YESTERDAY.

A distressing accident occurred at the Royal Naval Canteen, Wan-chai, early yesterday morning when Able Seaman T. M. Millard of H.M.S. Marazion who was occupying a room in the building for the night, fell into the street and was killed.

The remains were removed to the Naval Mortuary and yesterday accorded a funeral with full honours. The Rev. H. W. Arscott, of H.M.S. Titania officiated.

The coffin, which was draped in a Union Jack, was borne on a gun carriage drawn by ratings from H.M.S. Titania and Submarines, while preceding the carriage were the Royal Marines Band and a firing party from H.M.S. Cornwall.

Immediately behind were ratings from H.M.S. Marazion and former comrades of the late A. B. Millard.

Among the officers present were Comdr. S. Four and Comdr. Stanley of H.M.S. Marazion.

Wreaths were sent by Ship's Company, Captain and Officers, No. 1 Mess, No. 2 Mess, His Messmates, and Kwong Wo and Catering Staff, of H.M.S. Marazion; Ship's Company, H.M.S. Titania; Ward Room Officers, H.M.S. Titania and Fourth Submarine Flotilla; Ship's Company, H.M.S. Sepoy; and Comdr. A. Lockhart.



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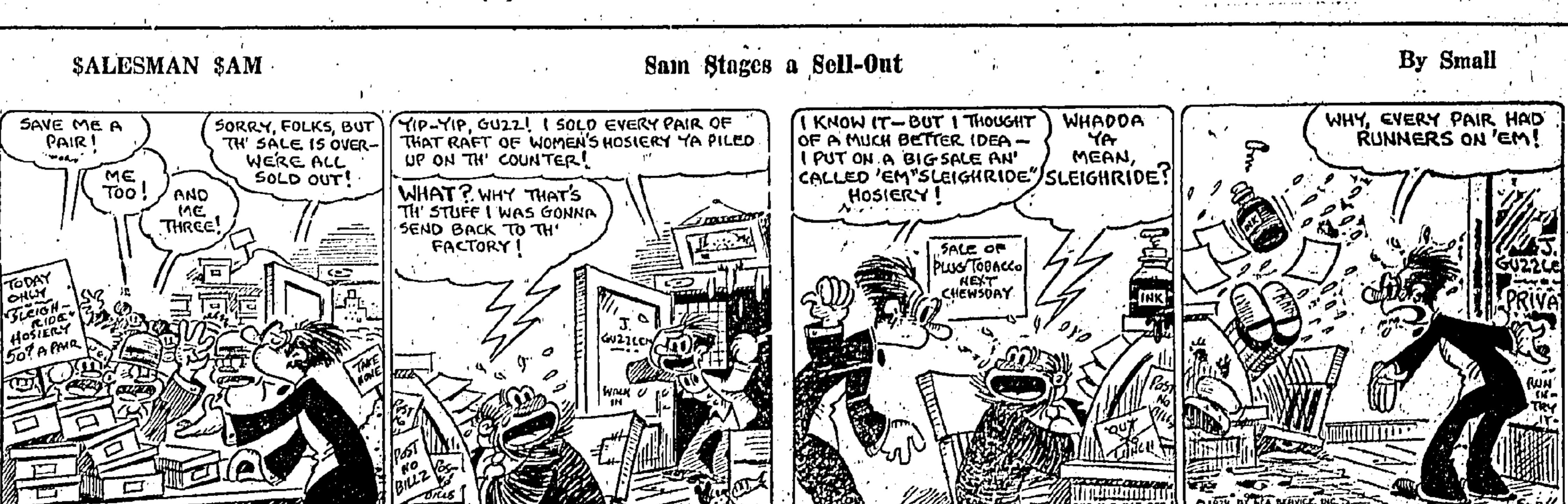
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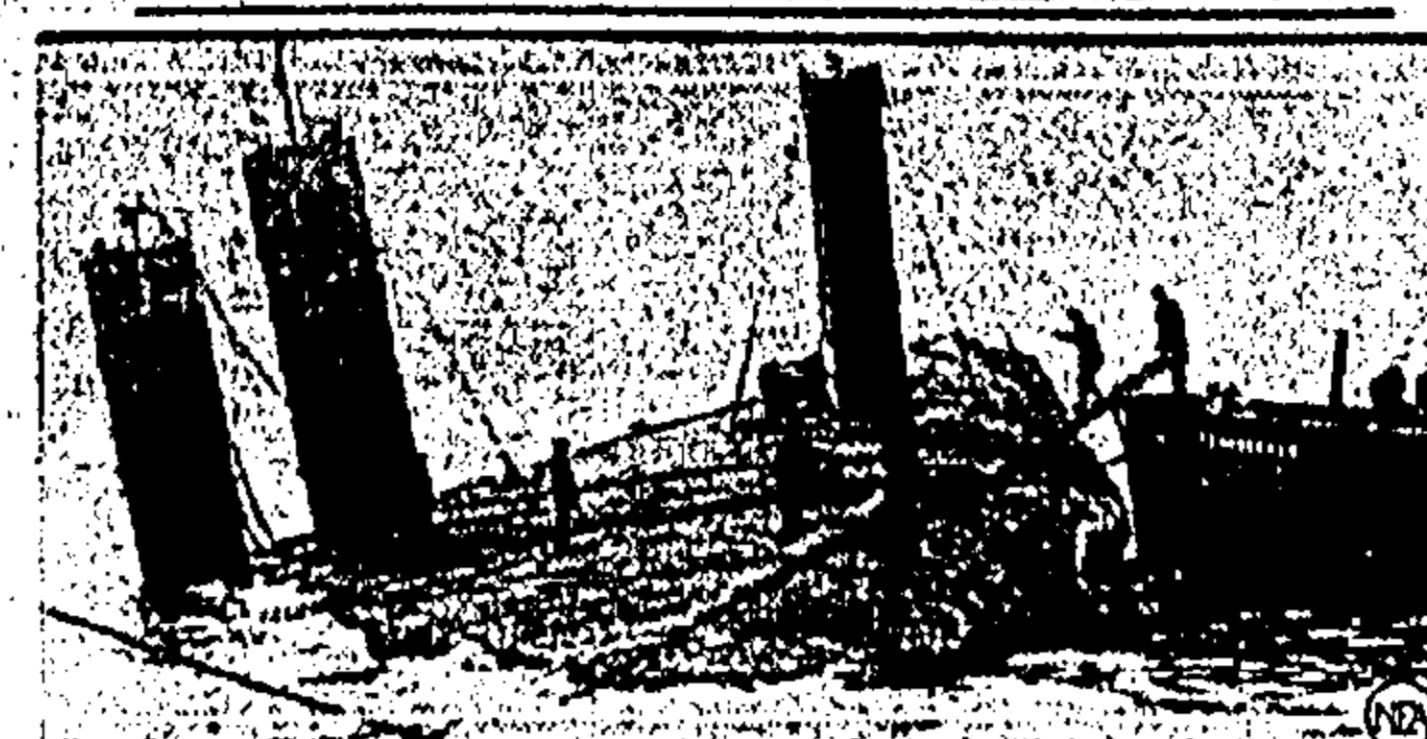
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At the dress rehearsal of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps held at the Race Course in preparation for Saturday's annual inspection. One of the new features was the presence of a unit of Lewis Gunners attached to the American Troops. The above photograph shows two of the cars with Lewis guns mounted and two of the sections in charge. The picture below shows the American Troops with swords at the "Present" preparatory to moving off to the parade ground.



Photos taken during salvage operations in Scapa Flow, where the British Government is now endeavouring to raise the German battleship "Kaiser." The top picture was actually taken under the water; at the bottom, the bows of the ship are soon lifting.



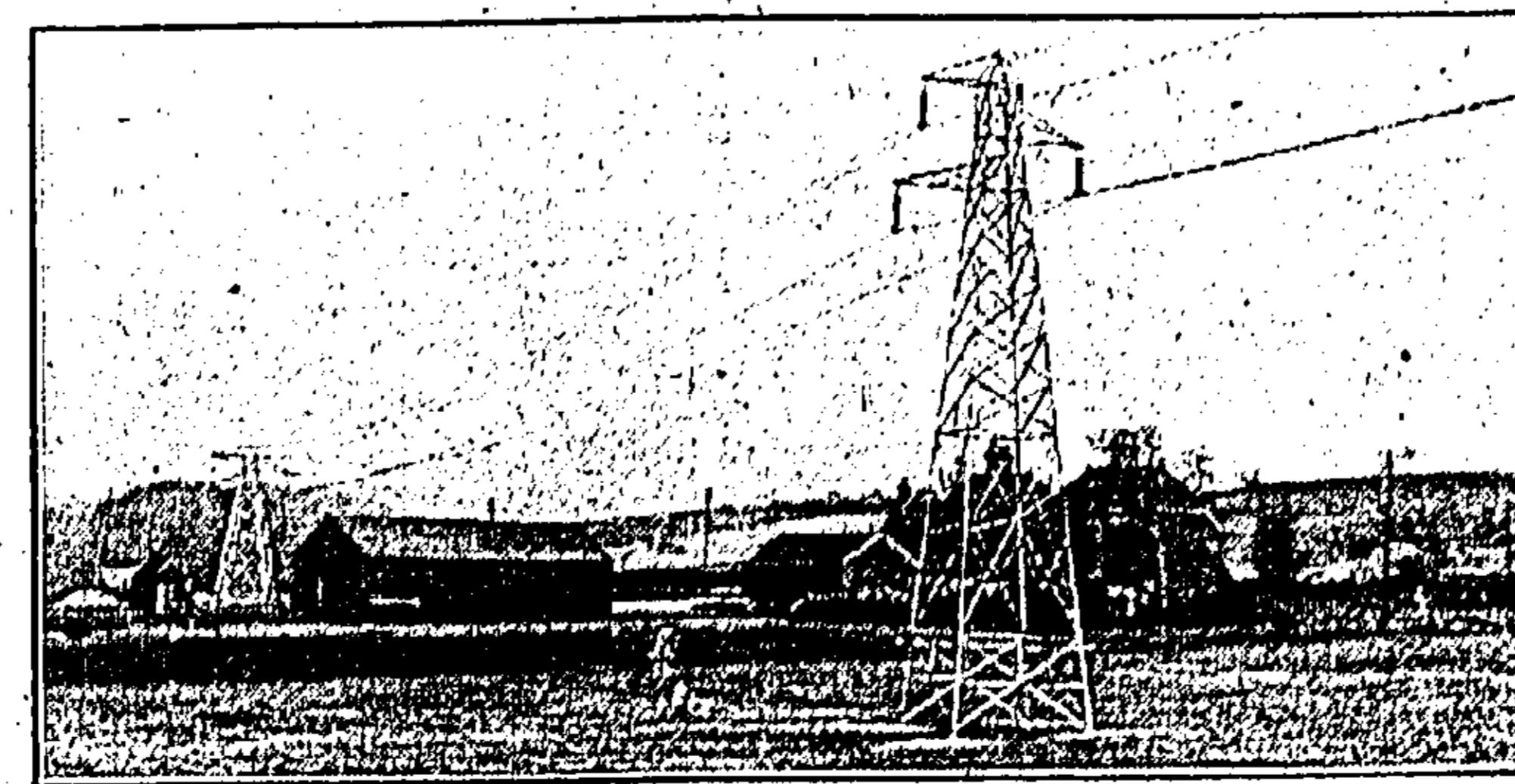
Mr. Francis Zeng, who has just returned to Shanghai from studying the violin in Paris, was married recently to Miss Marie Tchang. The ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai.



Babe Daniels and her fiancé, Mr. Ben Lyon, shown arriving at Los Angeles. Babe will do part of the piloting when the two take their aerial honeymoon in June.

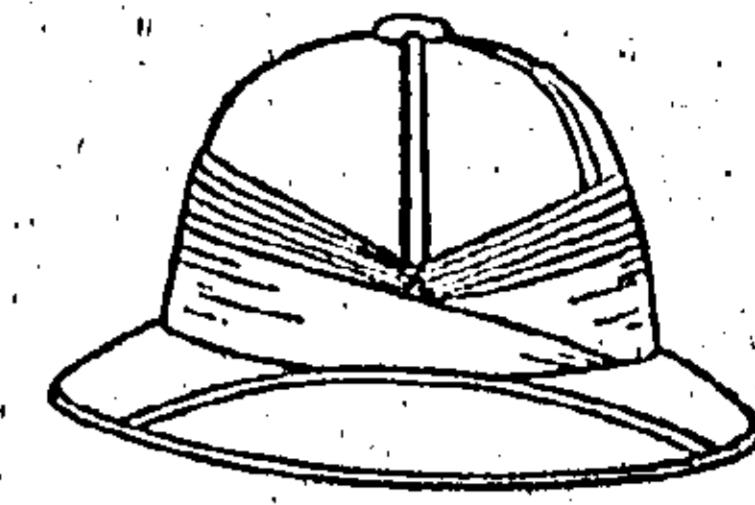


Mr. Quo Tai-chi, future Minister to Italy, and chief Chinese delegates at Geneva, and Mr. Foo Tin-chang, Minister to Belgium, were the guests of honour at a recent Shanghai banquet, pictured above.



The first part of the grid line which will eventually cover South-East England under the electric power scheme has been completed. A view of the cables and their supporting steel towers on the ten-mile section between Bedford and Little Barford. The Towers were designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield, R.A. (Times copyright).

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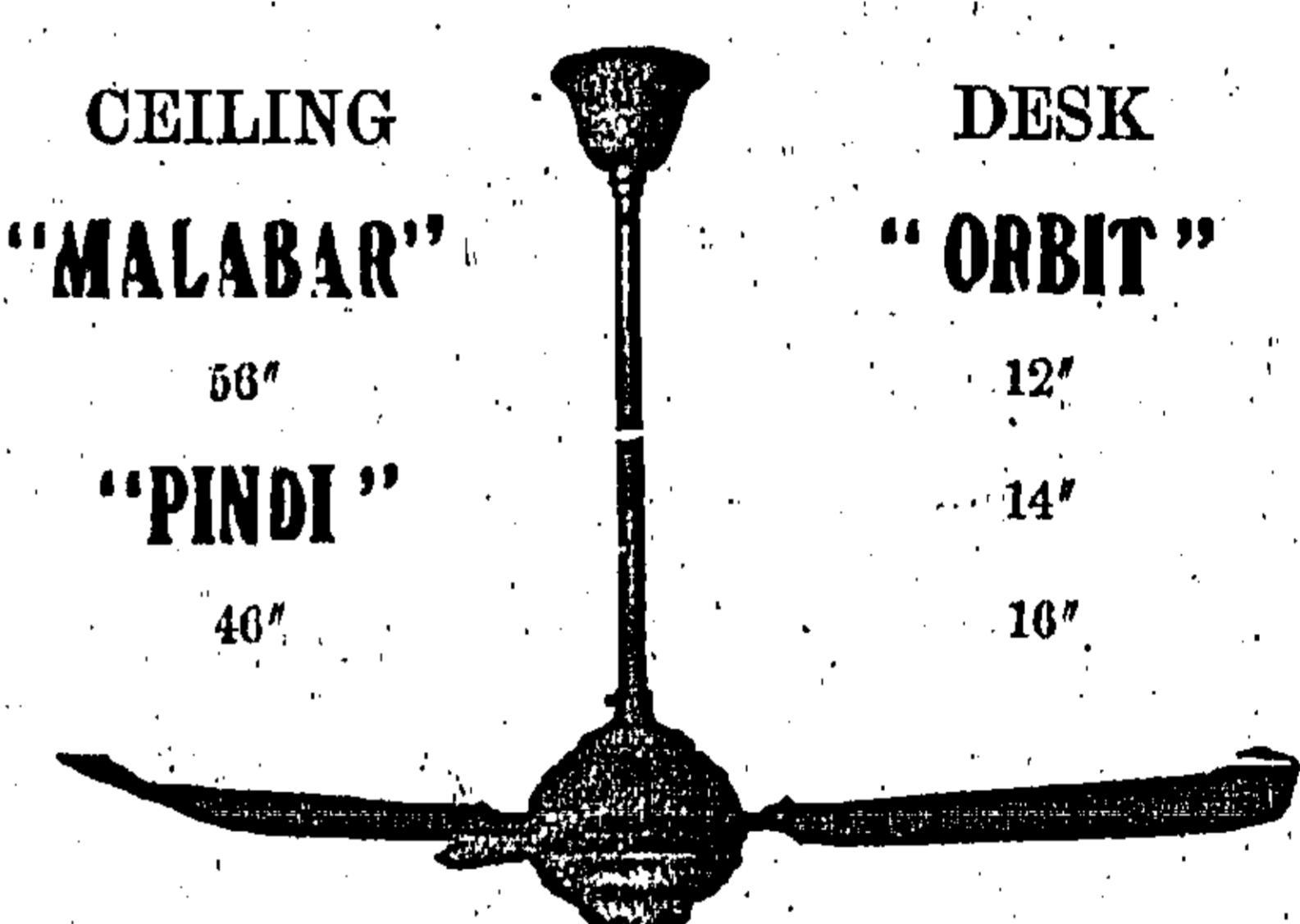
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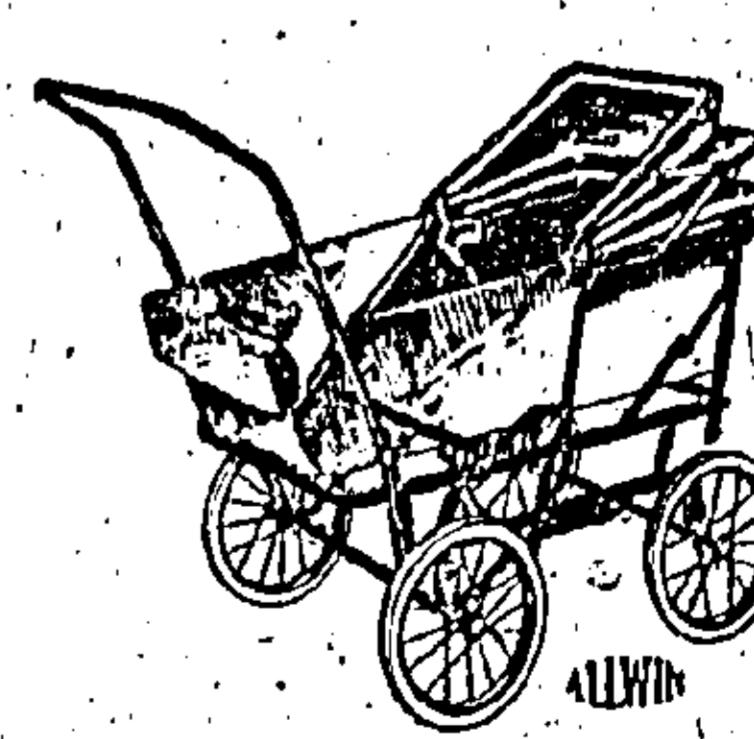
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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Accountant, has been admitted a partner in our Hongkong business as from 1st January, 1929.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Chartered Accountants, Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Half Yearly General Meeting of Voting Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on Friday, 17th May, 1929, at 6.10 p.m.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 30th April, 1929.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hongkong.)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager,
Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager,
Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager,
Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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CHANGES AFFECT GERMANY AND PORTUGAL.

Canton, Apr. 30.

Two further changes will be made in the Consular Body in Canton during the course of next week.

Senhor M. J. M. Fernandes Costa, who has been Consul-General for Portugal in Canton for the past two years, is being transferred to Macao, where he will take up the duties of Colonial Secretary and Registrar concurrently.

Senhor Joaquim de Barros Ferreira da Silva will be replacing Senhor Fernandes Costa. Senhor da Silva will be arriving from New York, where he has been at the Portuguese Consulate-General for some time, on the s.s. President van Buren, on Saturday next in Hongkong; probably arriving in Canton some time during the course of next week.

Dr. Wagner For Canton.

Dr. Crull, Consul-General for Germany in Canton, who left here for home leave early this year, will not be returning to Canton.

Dr. Wagner, who was recently German Consul-General in Hongkong, and was transferred a short time ago to Nanking, has again been transferred and is expected in Canton next week to take up the duties of Consul-General.

Since the departure of Dr. Crull on home leave, Mr. Sakowski, Vice-Consul for Germany, has been acting as Consul-General.—Our Own Correspondent.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1210 s.
Chartered Bank, £194 b.
Moroantile A. & B., \$33 n.
P. and O., £93 n.
East Asia, \$90 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$695 b.
Union Ins., \$354 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$230 s.
China Fires, \$295 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$765 b.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$36 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$261 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$240 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$70 n.
Union Waterboats, \$22 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$22 b.
Kallans, 66 3/4 n.
Lengkats, Tls. 14 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2.90 s.
Raubs, \$6.65 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$122 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$36 s.
China Providents \$4.35 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 178 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 5.30 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 127 n.

Cottons.

Two Cottons, Tls. 12.40 b.
Oriontals, Tls. 2 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 72 (old) s.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8.60 b.
H. K. Lands, \$61 1/2 b.
Shai Lands, Tls. 143 n.
Humphreys, \$14.35 b.
Realists, \$8.35 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.55 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$121 b.
Star Ferries, \$67 s.
China Lights, (Old) \$13.40 b.
H. K. Electrics, \$52.25 s.
Macao Electrics, \$261 n.
Telephones, \$7.05 b.
China Buses, Tls. 14. b.
Singapore Traction, 11/6 n.
Industrial.

China Sugars, \$1.00 s.
Malabons, \$27 b.
Canton Icas, \$1.80 b.
Comets (Comb.) \$8.69 s.
Ropes (Old) \$7.80 n.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$193 s.
Watsons, \$13.20 n.
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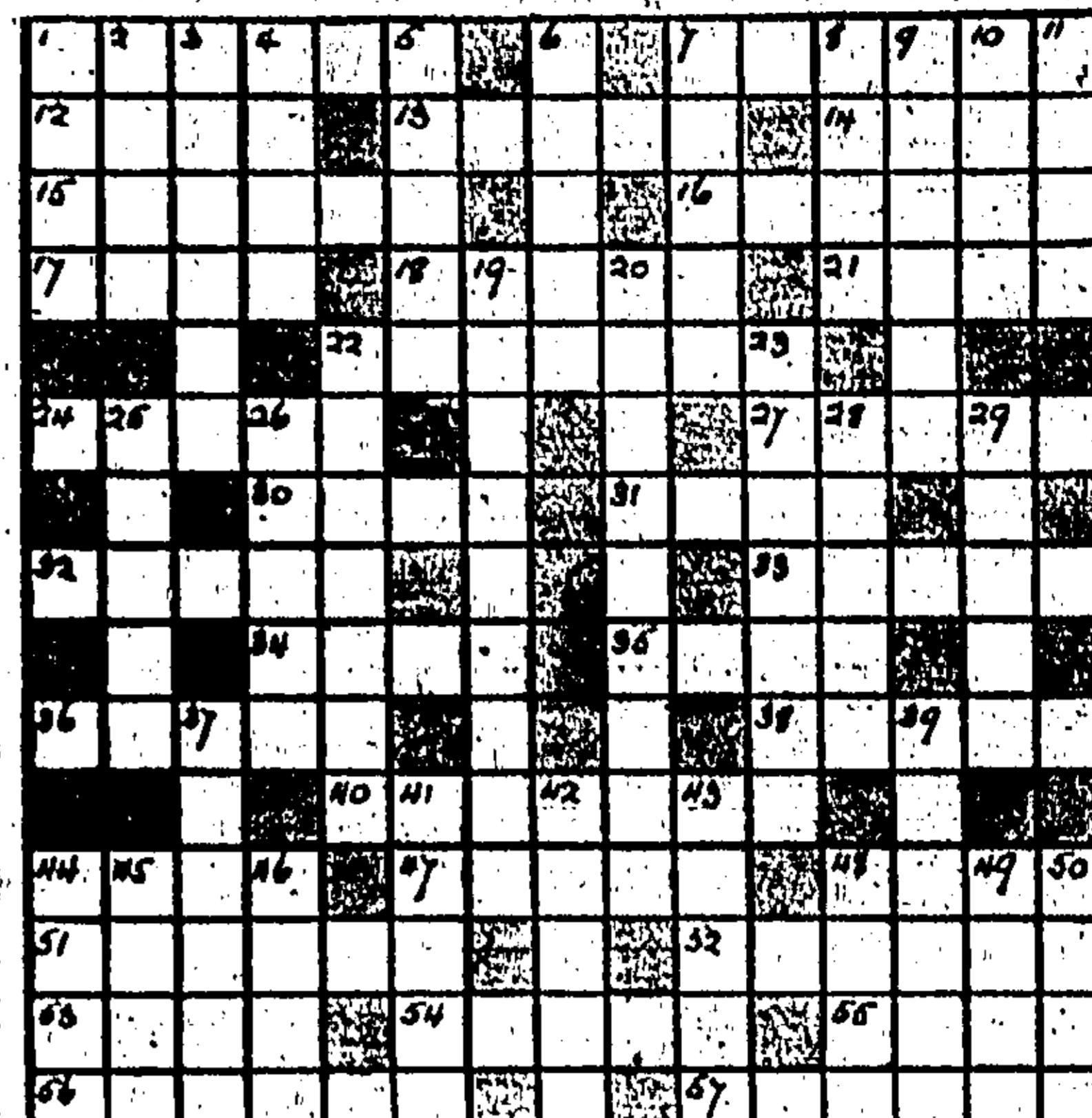


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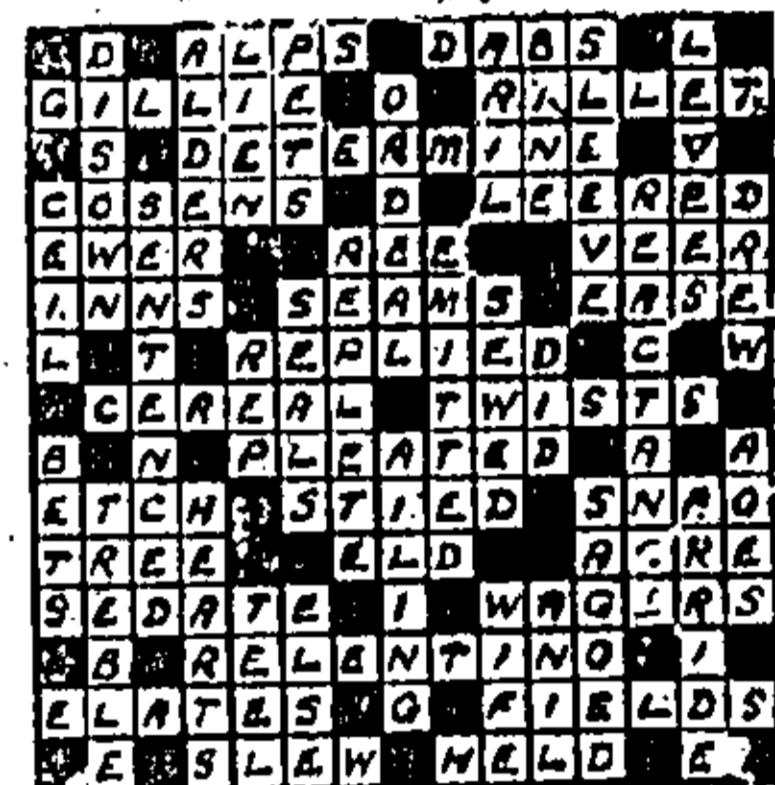
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- Speedily.
- Spigota.
- Burden.
- Not true.
- Noised rope.
- Frosted.
- Dressed.
- Arbour.
- Turning point.
- Outlet.
- Cease to possess.
- Manservant.
- Card game.
- Cried loudly.
- Whip.
- Go into.
- Dale.
- Disarm and quarter.
- Attain.
- Wither.
- Crowds.
- Freezer.
- Number.
- Distribute abroad.

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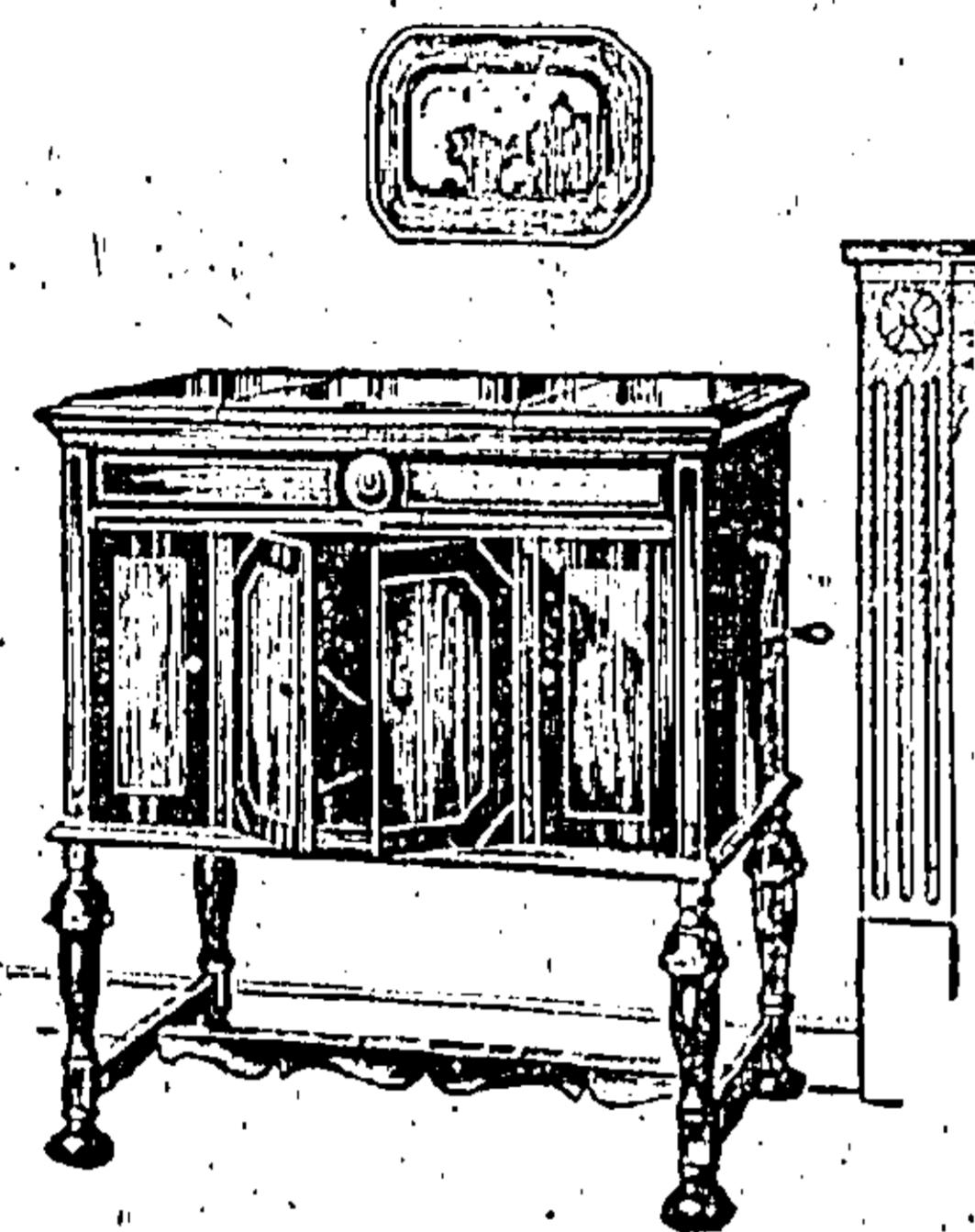
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WEDNESDAY MAY 1, 1929

OUR CRIMINALS.

"The welfare of criminals released from gaol either on completion or remission of sentence is one which might receive the attention of the general public in regard to suppression of crime in the Settlement." So runs the opening paragraph in one of the sections of the Shanghai Police Commissioner's report for the past month. The question raised is one which is equally deserving of consideration here in Hongkong. It is pointed out in the Shanghai report that many of the ex-convicts have no means of subsistence or any method of obtaining a livelihood on their release from prison, and they naturally resort to crime to live. The suggestion is therefore made that one of the many charitable institutions in the Settlement should take up the case of these unfortunate and establish what is known in European countries as a "Prisoners' Aid Society," supported from the wealthy classes, with the object of assisting prisoners on their release by gifts of food, clothing or monetary assistance to enable them to exist until they find employment or to return to their homes. The establishment of an institution in which these men could be taught a trade to enable them to become respectable members of the community seems, says the Shanghai report, to offer scope for charitably-inclined persons, particularly Chinese. Not only would measures such as these be reformative in character, but an added advantage would be that the community would be rid of many undesirable characters and potential habitual criminals.

So far as we are aware, nothing whatever is done in Hongkong for criminals once they have completed their sentence. That many of them again resume their career of crime has often been demonstrated on their reappearance in Court or at the Sessions. It is true, of course, that some of them learn trades whilst undergoing their terms, but what is needed is some organisation to see that, when they come out, they are not merely thrown upon the community and have to chance their luck in getting a job or in returning to their native districts. It may be argued that many of these ex-convicts are not natives of Hongkong, and that the Colony cannot be expected to greatly concern itself about their future well-being. But that is rather a short-

sighted view, especially seeing that it is to our own advantage to prevent first offenders from becoming habitual criminals and therefore a menace to the Colony as long as they remain here. Moreover, there is the Hongkong-born prisoner also to be taken into account. In any event, no community can regard its responsibilities discharged merely by washing its hands of its criminals once their sentences have been served. There are admittedly very many hardened sinners for whom little hope of reform can be entertained, but there are very many others who would turn to an honest living if they were given the opportunity. We therefore suggest that this matter is one well deserving the consideration of Chinese institutions in this Colony.

Another urgent need is a reformatory where young offenders can be converted into useful citizens rather than to be sent to gaol and take on the character of criminals. In the 60's, there was a Roman Catholic Reformatory at West Point, whilst some thirty years ago the Hon. Mr. E. R. Bellios erected another at Causeway Bay on a site provided by the Government. Neither of these institutions any longer exist, and we believe we are right in saying that the St. Lewis Industrial Home is the now only place of this character in the Colony. Excellent as is the work which this Home does, it is not an official reformatory to which magistrates can commit young offenders. On several occasions lately, the necessity of such an institution has been stressed from the Bench. In our view, this is a very vital and urgent matter, and we commend it to the Government as being in every way worthy of consideration.

The Next War?

The newest breach between Feng Yu-hsiang and Chiang Kai-shek will probably prove far more difficult to heal than the affair of the Hupeh encroachment, and there seems little further doubt that these powerful rivals are moving inevitably towards open hostility. Exactly what part pure jealousy has been playing it is difficult to estimate, but in the broad, there will be a certain amount of sympathy with Feng in his attitude towards the disposition of troops in Shantung. To more than one sense, Feng seems to have been "double-crossed." Shantung was to have been his reward for the big push through the Fengtien lines last year which enabled the Nationalists to capture Peking and Chihli, and now when the last obstacle to occupation is being moved away, Chiang has manoeuvred to prevent the attainment of Feng's greatest wish, a clear route to the sea. Feng's reply has been an unexpected one, rather suggesting that he is not prepared for war at the present time. In taking umbrage, he has shown it not by defiance, but by withdrawing his entire force to the Honan border, which probably means that he is leaving the next move to Chiang Kai-shek. More significant of the high tension, however, is the recall at the same time of all Feng's leading "subordinates" in the capital and elsewhere. On one pretext or another, these officials are returning to Honan as rapidly as transport facilities will allow, giving added weight to the rumours of impending strife. Perhaps the clearest indication of the seriousness of the present situation, is the departure from Hankow of Hsueh Tu-pih, Feng's delegate to Chiang, ostensibly to report to the "Christian" General, but having more the appearance of breaking off of further negotiations. Marshal Chiang is now bound for Nanking, and it is likely that his arrival will be the signal for things to move, though it would be presumptive to suggest the direction.

It is advertised that the fifth annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of China Underwriters, Ltd., will be held in the board room of Messrs. Shaw, Tomez and Co., St. George's Building, on Thursday, May 9, at noon. The meeting will be held to consider the advisability of forthwith making a suitable reservation of Crown land, both as regards area and location, for recreation purposes for the above-mentioned members of the Civil Service residing at Kowloon.

DAY BY DAY.

IF MAN REALLY WANTS LITTLE HERE BELOW, THE LESS HE WANTS THE LESS HE'LL GET.—Peter Keary.

The P. and O. s.s. Nagpore, from Shanghai, is due here at 4 a.m. on Saturday.

The P. and O. s.s. Perini, from Singapore, is due here on the 5th instant at 6 p.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Hongkong, arrived at London on 29th April at 2 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. Benlomond, from Home and Straits ports, is due here on May 6th.

The health return for yesterday shows one case each of small-pox, diphtheria and typhoid. All were Chinese.

Mr. Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Accountant, has been admitted a partner in the firm of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. E. L. Shenton to move the first reading of an Ordinance to amend the constitution of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Capsized by a sudden squall, a passenger-boat, No. 4041V, sank in the harbour yesterday morning as it was taking passengers ashore from the s.s. Cremer. Motor and steam launches in the vicinity effected a prompt rescue, and no lives were lost.

Sentenced of three weeks' hard labour was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy today, on a Chinese who pleaded guilty to stealing several brass articles from the Standard Oil Company's installation at Lai-chuk. The defendant was pressed in the act of selling the articles to a marine hawker.

The Medical Officer's weekly return contains two cases of cerebro-spinal fever (one American imported and one Chinese), one of enteric fever (British) and one of diphtheria (Chinese). There was one death from cerebro-spinal fever and one from diphtheria. Yesterday's return showed one Chinese case of enteric fever. The small-pox figures are given elsewhere.

Among the passengers leaving on the President Pierce yesterday were Mr. Earl F. Buskay, pilot representative of the Mahoney-Ryan Aircraft Corporation, travelling to Shanghai; Mrs. W. K. Awtry, wife of Lt. Comdr. Awtry of the U.S. Tulsa, returning with her family to the United States; Mr. Graham Black, attached to the Civil Service in the F.M.S., returning home to England via Seattle; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Crane Williams, travelling home to Europe via the U.S. (Mr. Crane Williams is a Director of the Austin Motor Co.); Mr. H. Arns, commercial representative, returning home to Europe via the U.S.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Paris	124.15/4
Brussels	34.94
Amsterdam	12.07/4
Berlin	20.46/4
Copenhagen	18.19
Vienna	34.65/4
Helsingfors	193
Lisbon	108.5
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	47.5/10
Shanghai	2/6%
Hongkong	1/11%
New York	4.85.5/10
Geneva	25.19/4
Milan	02.62/4
Stockholm	18.10/4
Oulu	18.19
Prague	104
Athens	33.08/4
Rio	.975
Bombay	1/6.20/32
Yokohama	10.7/32
Silver (spot and forward)	26.3/10

British Wireless.

CIVIL SERVICE RECREATION.

NEED OF FACILITIES AT KOWLOON.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga will ask the following questions:

(a) Will the Director of Public Works inform the Council whether in the scheme of town planning for Kowloon any site, and where, has been earmarked for a recreation ground for the growing number of members of the Police Force stationed at Kowloon and of the subordinate staff in the service of the Government?

(b) If no such site has been marked out as yet, will the Government consider the advisability of forthwith making a suitable reservation of Crown land, both as regards area and location, for recreation purposes for the above-mentioned members of the Civil Service residing at Kowloon?

THE "AVIAN" LIGHT AEROPLANES.

NOW BEING MANUFACTURED IN U. S. & CANADA.

Mr. R. Vaughan-Fowler, Manager of the Far East Aviation Company, which recently sold ten Avian light aeroplanes to the Canton Aviation Bureau, and four to the aviation authorities in Amoy, writes to say that his firm has received the following information from Messrs. A. V. Roe and Co., Ltd., of Manchester:

"Avro Avian light aeroplanes fitted with Cirrus Mark III or Genet aero-engines are becoming so popular that they are now being manufactured in Canada and America. The licence for Canada is held by the Ottawa Car Manufacturing Company, Ltd., who are concentrating on the latest model Avian which has a metal fuselage. Pending the completion of their plant the first twenty-five machines are being shipped from the Avro works in Manchester in a broken-down condition to be built up in Canada. Ten of these machines are for the Canadian Air Board. Two more will go direct to the Ottawa Flying Club."

"The Avian metal fuselage is built up entirely of round steel tubing with welded joints throughout. The engine mounting is separate, and is attached to the fuse by bolts.

"The Whittlesey Body Company, Bridgeport, Connecticut, are making preparations to build Avians for the United States, until their plant is completed, six Cirrus Avians are being shipped every week from the Avro works in Manchester."

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—King; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

Opening Blindly—2.

When your partner has not bid and the contract has been won with a declaration of suit, your problem of opening the play is much more difficult than if the bid were no trump. Then you should choose the suit to be opened in the following preferential manner:

PAR LEAD. The most desirable of all openings is the lead of a suit containing top honours in most perfect sequence as A K Q J, A K Q, A K J, A K 10, A K, A K X, K Q, J, K Q, 10. The King is led from all of these holdings excepting A K in which combination the Ace is led and followed by the King. This is information to your partner that you hold no more of that suit.

LITTLE DRIVER. Third in preference of opening suits is the lead of a suit headed by J 10, as J 10 9 8, J 10 8 X. The Jack may drive out dummy's Queen and if your partner holds the King, the result of the play is the establishing of your remaining cards in that suit.

ROYAL LEAD. The lead from K Q X X or K Q X or K Q is about as acceptable as the previous class.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Dollar Liner President Van Buren is scheduled to sail from Shanghai to-day and will arrive at this port at 7 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. This steamer will continue her voyage Round-the-World on Sunday, May 5 at 8 a.m.

The American Mail Liner President Jackson will sail from Manila at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, and will arrive at this port on Monday, May 6 at 7 a.m. She will sail on the following morning at 8 a.m. for San Francisco and Los Angeles, via Shanghai, Japan and Honolulu.

The Dollar Liner President Taft, from San Francisco April 12, is due to leave Kobe to-day, arriving at Shanghai on the 3rd and leaving on the 4th. This steamer is expected to arrive here in the afternoon of Monday, the 6th inst., and will sail for Manila at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, the 7th.

The American Mail Liner President McKinley, from Seattle on April 20, is due here on May 10.

The Very Idea!

Wireless has taken all the romance out of stowing away on a ship. This, at any rate, is what Miss Hazel Cooke must be thinking as she works in the galley of the liner Tahiti, on which she concealed herself while the vessel was in San Francisco harbour.

Miss Cooke is the eighteen-year-old San Francisco Society girl who, urged on by the lure of travel, decided to take a trip to the islands of Haiti in this inexpensive and time-honoured manner. When she presented herself to the captain, he sent a radiogram to her mother asking for instructions. "Put her to work," was the message received in reply.

Another wireless has come from the captain saying: "Following your instructions to the letter, Miss Cooke is not much help in the galley, but by the end of the voyage she should be pretty good at bed-making."

Macpherson's condition was critical, and his guid wife, much against her will, was obliged to leave him for short time.

As she looked down on the sinking patriot, her hard face softened wonderfully, and the tears trembled to well from her eyes. Pulling herself together with an effort, she put on her bonnet and returned to the bedside to say "good-bye."

"Noo, remember, Anqua," she said anxiously, "nae extravagance! If ye feel yersel' slipping awa' blow doot the candle."

Man at Glasgow—I was absolutely sober, but my feet kept getting mixed up—that was all.

Solicitor at Shoreditch County Court—What are you? Doctor—My profession is that of a sweep.

A plaintiff at Shoreditch was asked "Did you interview him?" and the reply was—"I could not. His wife was there."

Man at Glasgow to constable—You never saw me running away? Constable—I did. Man—You never, I was only walking fast.

Three men remanded at Clerkenwell on a charge of being suspected persons asked for bail. Mr. Pope (Magistrate)—Bail, be blown.

"Most men have their own ideas how they would behave if they were their own wives."—Mr. Alec Waugh.

Could I but be my own dear spouse,
I'd prove a docile mate,
I wouldn't rayo about the house
When I arrived home late.

HONGKONG'S HELP TO MINERS.

COMPLETE LIST OF DONATIONS.

DETAILS OF AMOUNTS SENT HOME BY CABLE.

A SPLENDID TOTAL.

In accordance with our intimation of yesterday, we have pleasure to-day in publishing the full list of donors to the *Telegraph* Fund on behalf of British miners and their families. The various sums have previously been acknowledged as they have come to hand, but in winding up the Fund we should like the public to have a complete list of the subscriptions, together with the amounts which we have from time to time cabled Home.

Thanks to a final gift of over \$700 from the Hongkong Football Association, the aim of raising \$10,000 has been attained. The whole of this sum has been cabled Home, and, with the exception of \$160, it has been remitted to the headquarters of the Lord Mayor's Fund in London. This sum of \$160 represented half of the donation from Taikeo Club members, and, in accordance with their wish, was sent direct to the Scottish Miners' Fund.

Amongst the earliest donations was a 10/- note from "Mr. and Mrs. D.H.M." and this was forwarded to London by post, a receipt having since come to hand. This sum is actually in addition to the total of \$10,000.

The Bank's Services.

In again expressing our sincerest thanks to all who have helped to make the Fund such a success, we cannot let the occasion pass without recording our gratitude to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for its courtesy and assistance in connexion with the remitting of the various sums. Not only has the Bank borne the cost of all cable charges, but it has also granted most favourable rates of exchange, thus materially helping the Fund. The dates of remittances, together with the sterling equivalent of the sums periodically cabled, are as follows:

Feb. 15	\$ 600.00	- £ 50. 00
" 22	\$ 1,500.25	- £ 150. 00
" 27	\$ 160.00	- £ 15.17 1/4
Mar. 1	\$ 1,000.00	- £ 100. 00
" 8	\$ 1,500.30	- £ 150. 00
" 15	\$ 1,000.20	- £ 100. 00
" 22	\$ 49.80	- £ 5. 00
" 29	\$ 2,431.67	- £ 241. 60
" 30	\$ 787.38	- £ 78.14
Total	\$ 10,000.00	- £ 998.17 1/8

* To Scottish Miners' Fund.

Full List of Donors.

The full list of donors to the Fund is as follows:	
Dover Road per A.D.C.	£ 1,200.00
Ministering Children's League	800.00
Hongkong Football Association	787.38
E. A. S. M. A. (£510.60 plus £2 Gs.)	542.19
Part proceeds farewell concert to Mrs Lauard	500.00
St. John's Cathedral Collection	326.25
Taikeo Club	320.00
Staff Butterfield & Swire	318.00
Members Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders	303.00
Kowloon Dock Recreation Club Dance	300.00
The Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock	296.35
Staff A.P.C.	300.00
J. E. Joseph	250.60
Ho Koin Tong	250.00
Woo Hay Tong	250.00
R.N. Dockyard Ladies' Recreation Club	250.00
Hongkong Cricket Club	200.00
Y.M.C.A. (Kowloon)	153.00
Wuchow Foreign Community	127.00
Proceeds from "The Pilgrim's Progress"	110.00
Per H.K.F.A. from Chinese Athletic Federation	103.63
Hon. Mr. Southorn	100.00
Remembrance	100.00
A.C.H.	100.00
Mrs. J. T. Bagram	100.00
Kowloon Cricket Club	75.00
Collected at Police-Prisons Boxing Tourney	69.00
H.M.S. "Suffolk" Dance	64.39
W.G.R.	60.00
S.S.P.	50.00
J. Scott Hartson	50.00
We Ten	50.00
Au Tsze Hi	50.00
F.M.C.	50.00
Staff Davie, Boag & Co.	50.00
Raslack	50.00
Kowloon Cricket Club (2) Collected at Police Boxing	37.60
Tourney	35.00
Taikeo Club Dance	34.50
Hongkong Mothers' Union	33.00
Two Doves Hot Air	30.00
P.E.C.T.W.F.	27.00
C.M. & Anon	20.00
Anon	25.00
Ticket 4445	25.00
D. J. B.	25.00
Sympathiser	25.00
Dr. R. H. Kotewall	25.00
G. A. Palmer	20.00
M. I. N. D.	20.00
Anon	20.00
Graco Egyptian Tobacco Co	20.00
Total	\$10,000.00

WASHING CLOTHES IN STREET.

WOMEN WHO DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS ILLEGAL.

FINED AND WARNED.

RECENT ATTACK ON EUROPEAN.

COOLIE SENT TO PRISON FOR SIX MONTHS.

"COMMON ASSAULT."

For infringement of the recently-issued regulation prohibiting persons from washing clothes within a distance of 100 yards of street fountains, two Chinese women were charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

His Worship:—I suppose this is an absolutely new regulation?

Detective Sergeant Humphreys:—Yes, I have it here in the *Government Gazette*. I don't suppose they knew about it. They were warned by the constable, but didn't go away.

His Worship (to the interpreter):—Ask them why they didn't go away?

Defendants:—We didn't know it was against the law.

His Worship:—Well, couldn't you have taken the word of the constable for it?

Defendants:—We have only just come from the country.

Sergeant Humphreys remarked that people did not seem to know of the regulation, as he himself had warned several this morning.

In reply to his Worship, Sergeant Humphreys said he did not know if any notification had been published in the vernacular papers and suggested that due publicity be given to the cases.

His Worship said if he started to caution offenders, he would be cautioning them for the next fortnight. The thing to do, he thought, would be to impose a small fine and increase the penalty when he thought it was time that people had become acquainted with the other.

Addressing the defendants, his Worship said that the regulation was made because there was so little water in the Colony. He quite believed that they did not know about the regulation, as it was entirely new.

Defendants were each fined \$1.

The National Trust have bought Dale Head Farm, adjoining Cockley Beck Farm, in the Hard Knott and Wrynose valley of the England Lakeland, as a public acquisition.

A. M. 20.00
Swatow Correspondent 20.00
A. B. C. 20.00
Old Salt 20.00
Mess. 20.00
E. A. S. M. A. (2) Sick Birth Staff, R. N. 20.00

Hospital 17.00
Capt. Louis 15.00
F. Winyard, Junr. 15.00
Y.M.C.A. (balance) 12.50
M. M. B. 11.00
50% Poker Winnings 11.00
M. A. 10.00
The Jat 10.00
L. R. B. 10.00
M. O. 10.00
Repulse Bay Welsh Collier 10.00
Capt. Robinson 10.00
A. B. C. 10.00
C. E. W. 10.00
R. M. McW. 10.00
Nationalisation 10.00
S. G. 10.00
Anon 10.00
Baron 10.00
Willis 10.00
Kingman Golfers 10.00
Chinese Sympathiser 10.00
E. M. C. 10.00
Bottle Balancing Feat 10.00
E. W. D. 10.00
The Clover Flower Shop 10.00
St. John's Cathedral (balance) 8.00
Miss Doris Woods 5.00
Sympathiser 5.00
Exile 5.00
Wellwisher 5.00
Miss Doris Woods (2) 5.00
A. D. 5.00
A. Stoker 5.00
S. H. 5.00
Washout 5.00
Cuidas (2) 5.00
J. W. R. 5.00
Sorry for the Little Ones 5.00
M. R. 5.00
One of the Lads 5.00
Foothow 5.00
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Lo Cheung-ip 5.00
W. I. H. C. 5.00
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Found 5.00
Adieu Elaine 5.00
Cycle 462 5.00
Washout 5.00
Kingman Golfers (2) 5.00
Vingt-et-un 5.00
Memory Enos Sath 5.00
K. L. 5.00
Attabay 5.00
G. C. 5.00
X. Y. Z. 5.00
Zena and Tamara 5.00
Two Privates 4.00
Cuidas (3) 3.00
G. B. 2.40
Soukey 2.00
A. Tiny Drop 2.00
Miss Doris Woods (3) 1.00
Bast 1.00
Just One More 1.00
Total \$10,000.00

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.

BEARER CHEQUES GIVEN TO K.O.S.B. CORPORAL.

TO-DAY'S EVIDENCE.

The recent assault upon Sanitary Inspector Roylance in Gascoigne Road where three men were alleged to have attempted to commit a highway robbery, had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when a Chinese appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith on a charge of assault with intent to rob.

Detective Inspector Fallon prosecuted and intimated that he had received instructions to ask his Worship's permission to reduce the charge to one of common assault.

The new charge was read to the defendant who returned a plea of guilty.

Speaking of the incident, Detective Inspector Fallon said that at about 1 a.m. on April 14, Sanitary Inspector Roylance who resides at the Railway Quarters, had alighted from a bus at the junction of Nathan and Jordan Roads and had engaged a ricksha to convey him to his quarters.

On nearing the new road leading from Gascoigne Road to the King's Park recreation grounds, three men suddenly appeared from the bushes at the corner. Two of them went to the sides of the ricksha, while the defendant caught hold of Inspector Roylance.

Inspector Roylance suspected something wrong immediately he saw the men run out. He struck out at the defendant and on the coolie placing the shafts on the ground he got out and struggled with the defendant. The other men seeing that their intended victim was a European and was resisting their attack, immediately ran away.

A man in a passing motor car blew a Police whistle, but went on without offering assistance to Inspector Roylance. Police officers were attracted to the scene by the whistle and the defendant was arrested.

Later defendant took the Police to where he said the other two men could be found but the officers had been taken on a "wild goose chase."

In a statement, defendant said he had mistaken Inspector Roylance for a man who had given him a hiding earlier in the day.

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed.

A man in a passing motor car stopped on Monday at the junction of Pokfulam and Sasseoon Roads, while proceeding in a lorry to Jardine's courtyard, was questioned in regard to the presence of a large number of sacks on the vehicle. Later the police ascertained that an excess number of sacks had been taken from the Dairy Farm premises than was authorised for the work upon which the coolies were engaged.

The coolies were charged before the Company in 1927 for the matshed, and this licence had been extended to various periods until a month's notice was given on February 1st.

Major Wilson fined the Company \$5 and passed an order for the removal of the matshed within a week.

DAIRY FARM SACKS INVESTIGATION.

COOLIES DISCHARGED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE.

A summons against the Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Co., Ltd., for failing to remove a matshed situated at Morrison Hill Road near the monument, was dealt with by Major Wilson this morning.

A licence had been granted to the Company in 1927 for the matshed, and this licence had been extended to various periods until a month's notice was given on February 1st.

Major Wilson fined the Company \$5 and passed an order for the removal of the matshed within a week.

The coolies were charged before

POISON GAS IN WARFARE.

BRITAIN TO RATIFY PROTOCOL PROHIBITING USE.

SOME RESERVATIONS.

London, Apr. 30.

Lord Cusden, British delegate, announced at a meeting of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission at Geneva to-day that he had been authorised to state that His Majesty's Government had decided to ratify immediately the 1925 Geneva Protocol prohibiting the use of poison gas and of bacteriological methods in warfare, subject to the following reservations:

Firstly, the British Government are bound to be bound by the Protocol *vis-a-vis* those other States whose armed forces or whose (part of message missing).

Secondly, the British Government is to be bound by the Protocol *vis-a-vis* any enemy States whose armed forces or whose (part of message missing).

Lord Cusden added that he had also been asked to announce on behalf of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the Irish Free State, that they desired a similar declaration to be made on their behalf.

The Protocol was signed by thirty-eight nations four years ago. It has been ratified by Austria, Belgium, Egypt, Italy, Liberia and Venezuela and by France with reservations similar to those of the British Government.—British Wireless.

Captain G. R. Abbott, Officer Commanding Headquarters, stated that during 1928 Headquarters paid into the P.R.I. account for "C" Company the sum of \$1,689.72.

The prosecution then called Jadi Nabi the proprietor of Hadji Nabi and Son, regimental contractors. He stated that he paid to the P.R.I. every month \$100 on account of rebate and also paid rent and electric light charges.

Sometimes he received the bill from the clerk, and sometimes the clerk told him verbally how much was due. He identified the accused as the clerk who had told him what amount he should pay.

The case is continuing.

DAIRY FARM SACKS INVESTIGATION.

COOLIES DISCHARGED FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE.

Eight Dairy Farm coolies stopped on Monday at the junction of Pokfulam and Sasseoon Roads, while proceeding in a lorry to Jardine's courtyard, were questioned in regard to the presence of a large number of sacks on the vehicle. Later the police ascertained that an excess number of sacks had been taken from the Dairy Farm premises than was authorised for the work upon which the coolies were engaged.



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CANTON TENNIS.

COMING MATCHES AGAINST HONGKONG PLAYERS.

Canton, Apr. 30. The "At Home" and prize-giving which were to have been held on Saturday last by the Canton Citizens' Athletic Association on their courts in the First Public Park, Canton, were postponed for various reasons until next Saturday.

The finals of the Men's Championship Singles were postponed from Saturday to Sunday on account of the indisposition of Ma Chi-huen. However, on the latter day Ma Chi-huen found no difficulty in defeating his opponent, Lau Fook-ling in the third straight sets 6/4, 6/0, 6/4. Ma Chi-huen played the usual brilliant game, but Lau Fook-ling, though never expected to win, did not even play up to his average and was completely outclassed.

The proceedings on Saturday next will commence with the presentation of the prizes for the American Association challenge cups by General Chan Ming-shu; this will be one of his first public functions since his accident in the King Edward Hotel fire. Following the presentation of prizes there will be a number of exhibition matches which will extend over Saturday, Sunday and Monday when some of the champions of Hongkong will come up and meet the champions of Canton.

The matches arranged so far are M. W. Lo, Open Singles Champion of Hongkong versus Ma Chi-huen, Open Singles Champion of Canton; Miss Enid Lo (Hongkong) versus Mrs. C. E. Watson, ladies' Open Singles Champion of Canton; Ho Chun-man and Wong Po-kwong, Open Doubles Champions of Canton, versus M. W. Lo and his partner (who it is hoped will be M. K. Lo);

Ho Chun-man and Miss Jenny Lee (Canton) versus M. W. Lo and Miss Enid Lo (Hongkong). —Our Own Correspondent.

K.C.C. PRESENTATION.

PARTING GIFT TO MR. K. A. CARSTENSEN.

Mr. K. A. Carstensen, of the Great Northern Telegraph Company, leaves Hongkong early this morning on the Empress of Russia on home leave. He is travelling via Canada to his home in Denmark and does not expect to be stationed in Hongkong on his return to the Far East at the end of the summer.

Mr. Carstensen carries away with him the best wishes of a large circle of friends. Before his departure he was the recipient at the Kowloon Cricket Club of a silver cigarette box suitably inscribed, subscribed for by a number of his Club friends.

The presentation was made by Mr. Ezra Abraham, who expressed regret that Mr. Carstensen's association with the Club had come to an end. He had been a member for four years and had taken a keen interest in sporting activities, particularly lawn tennis, in which he had played for the Club in League games.

Mr. Carstensen, replying, expressed his grateful thanks and said he left with pleasant memories of his stay in Hongkong and particularly of his association with the K.C.C. When passing through on his return members could depend upon it that one of the first things he would do would be to make a bee line for the K.C.C.

Opportunity was also taken to wish Mr. W. W. Hirsh, a member of the General Committee of the K.C.C. and Convenor of the House Committee, a pleasant voyage. Mr. Hirsh left the Colony yesterday afternoon on a well earned home leave.

FOOTBALL MATTERS. COUNCIL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY EVENING.

Only general business relating to the Association was discussed at the Hongkong Football Association Council meeting held in the Board Room of the S. C. M. Post yesterday evening.

Those present were Mr. R. Hall (Chairman), Mr. W. E. Hollands (Secretary), Mr. G. T. May (Treasurer), Messrs. Lee, J. Black, F. Smith, R. Ormiston, Lt. George, Comdr. Byron and another naval representative.

After the monthly statement of accounts had been submitted by the Treasurer, the Chairman informed those present that the Association had donated \$787.38 towards the Miners' Fund in order that the Editor of the Hongkong Telegraph might reach the \$10,000 mark at which that paper had aimed.

After further discussion it was agreed that the amount allocated to the Miners' Fund be taken from the Interport Account.

Mr. Black raised the question of fixing a date for the annual general meeting, and after a lengthy discussion it was decided to hold the annual meeting on June 23.

The 13th annual athletic meeting of St. Joseph's College takes place on Saturday, May 11, at Shekoupo. A novel race has been introduced in the long list of entries. This is an Inter-Hong Kong Race for which the following entries have already been received: Messrs. Hongkong Electric, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Chartered Bank, Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Jardine Matheson and Asiatic Petroleum Co.

TWO VIEWS ON THE YEO FRAUDS?

(Continued from Page 1.)

Treasury you were indefinite as to how to account for these three cheques, that you had not made up your mind, and wrote that letter saying that the account should not be debited, the matter being under investigation? If those had been the circumstances at the Treasury present in your mind, that would be the kind of letter you would have written?—The letter was written on advice.

Mr. Messer was closely questioned as to whether he ever entertained the possibility of the signatures being obtained by a trick.

Asked the first time, witness said that he did not. Later, he said he thought there might have been an attempt to get genuine signatures.

Not His Signatures.

Mr. Jenkins:—I suggested that you were holding two views—one that they were not your signatures, and two, that there was the possibility that you were wrong and that they were yours and had been obtained by some trick?—I was certain they were not my signatures.

Mr. Jenkins read over the evidence which Mr. Messer gave in the criminal trial, which showed that witness said, in reply, to a question:—"I might have been wrong. They might have been got by a trick." In reply to other questions at that trial, witness said that during the search, due vouchers to cover the cheques were looked for.

Further cross-examined by Mr. Jenkins to-day, witness said that at the time of the search, Mr. King certainly believed that the signatures were those of Mr. Messer.

Mr. Jenkins:—There was a state of inconclusiveness about the whole matter?—Certain people seemed to think the signatures were genuine.

And that the cheques had been obtained by a trick?—Yes.

You were, I take it, interviewed a considerable amount by various law officers?—Not very much.

And by the Police Department?—Very little.

You don't suggest that they almost ignored you?—I don't want to make any suggestions.

Were statements taken from you?—I don't think the police took them.

Mistake to Arrest.

Questioned with regard to Tsang On-wing, Mr. Messer said that in his opinion even at that time Tsang was free from blame. He thought it was a mistake to arrest him and asked that he should not be arrested.

Mr. Jenkins:—During that afternoon Tsang was not consulted except in very minor degree? That is the tenor of your evidence?—I did not consult him.

Dealing with the caution appearing on the covers of cheque books, counsel suggested that one reason for that was that the Bank should be sure that the customer had got the cheques and that he would retain them in his possession.

Witness replied that the Bank, in that notice, suggested certain precautions should be taken.

Mr. Jenkins:—They also want to be assured that the cheques will be used by the customer and no one else?—Where does it say that? Oh yes. Not give them to strangers.

In the absence of circumstances obviously pointing to the contrary, have you any doubt that the Bank in meeting a cheque would rely on those matters? I have just mentioned to you?—The Bank would use its own discretion.

Signature "Awful."

Speaking with regard to his signatures on the disputed cheques, Mr. Messer said they were written frehand, he thought, but they did not appear to have been written as quickly as witness usually wrote. He said he did not always write at the same speed, but when he wrote slowly his signature was "awful."

Witness continued that he based his opinions on the peculiar regularity and if, he might say so, the "schoolboy" style of the signatures.

When Mr. Jenkins pointed out that that was a new expression, witness agreed that the description could be cut out altogether.

He agreed that he could not see any hesitation in the signatures, except in the "C" on the Katz cheque. There must have been hesitation there, he said.

Mr. Jenkins suggested to witness that the signatures on the disputed cheques reproduced most illusive qualities or features of witness's handwriting, and they reproduced exactly his own pen pressure.

Mr. Messer replied that that depended on the way the pen was held; and was understood to say

"THE IRON MASK."

SUPER FILM NOW SHOWING AT QUEEN'S.

Three periods of French history are represented in Douglas Fairbanks' new United Artists Picture, "The Iron Mask," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre.

The story opens in the France of 1638, with Louis XIII on the throne, and the newborn heir in his cradle. D'Artagnan and the three musketeers, Athos, Porthos and Aramis, engage in the adventures and intrigue and loves of their youth. The weak king and his splendid court are in the zenith of their glory, and Richelieu is supreme in his power. D'Artagnan, young and carefree, wields his sword in defence of his king, and pursues his love affair with the little seamstress, Constance.

Tragedy ends this gay epoch.

Athos, Porthos and Aramis are banished to the far corners of France by the Cardinal.

D'Artagnan remains alone in Paris, bereft of the companion

swords of his loyal friends.

The next scenes are laid in 1643, five years later. The powerful Richelieu is dying, depriving France of one of her most devoted leaders. The king maintains the pomp and glory of a throne which aways with the loss of its strongest prop, the Cardinal. The Little Dauphin is the centre of the hopes of the country and is being trained in all the arts of chivalry. D'Artagnan, elevated from the ranks of the musketeers to the post of personal guard of heir to the throne, retains the gallantry of his gay youth with the added dignity which time and responsibility have brought him. It is to D'Artagnan that the dying Richelieu bequeaths the care and training of the Little Dauphin.

Twenty years pass between the death of the Cardinal and the opening of the third period of the story. Beneath the peasant and pomp of the court of 1663, the intrigues of de Rochefort and his conspirators flourish unhampered by the departed Richelieu. King Louis XIII is dead, and the young Louis occupies his father's throne.

D'Artagnan, now a captain of the guards, is the constant companion of the boy king. His hair is grey, and his features are chiselled with a new dignity and austerity, but the same unquenchable ardour lies in his face and eyes. This period brings the reunion of the four musketeers, Athos lays aside his feasting and Aramis deserts his church to join D'Artagnan in the defence of king and country. The valiant quartette are older in years but not in spirit.

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Mr. Fairbanks again plays D'Artagnan, as he did in "The Three Musketeers," of which "The Iron Mask" is a sequel.

SOCIAL PROBLEM IN MALAYA.

(Continued from Page 1.)

increasing, by 300,000 annually in British Malaya generally, and the disproportion of the sexes was terrible.

The Government and the Chinese welfare authorities were doing their utmost to overcome a really difficult social problem.

After further discussion, the House agreed to the Colonial Office Estimates.—Reuter.

Dead Sea Concessions.

In the course of the debate, the Colonial Secretary alluded to the Dead Sea area and said that the region contained vast quantities of mica.

Whether those minerals could be extracted under conditions which would yield a commercial profit was uncertain, but he was glad to say that long negotiations between the Palestine and Trans-Jordanian Governments as concessionaires, had now practically come to a conclusion satisfactory from the viewpoint of the two governments.

Lt.-Col. Amery also mentioned that the total trade of the Colonial Empire had by 1927 come very close to £500,000,000 and he had no doubt the figures of the present year would well exceed it.—British Wireless.

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UNABLE TO FIND ALLEGED FRIEND.

Wong Yuen Tack, the Kwangsi army officer, who was recently before the Magistrate on a charge of stealing a jacket from a shop at Des Voeux Road West, was sent to prison for three weeks at the Central Police Court this morning on conviction of the charge.

Sergeant Elmo informed Mr. E. W. Hamilton that in spite of being given every opportunity, the defendant had been unable to find the police for his credentials.

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THE BLACK PIGEON.

By Anne Austin.

CHAPTER XX.

"Well, what about the office boy, Birdwell? Why the devil hasn't he shown up?" McMann demanded of his subordinate, after the waiter had been dismissed.

"Callahan traced the Smith family to their new address, and has just phoned from the neighbourhood air," Birdwell answered wearily.

"The boy, Benny Smith, is sick in bed. Callahan says the doctor has been there, and won't let the boy out of the house until the middle of the afternoon, if then."

"What's the matter with the boy?" McMann barked impatiently.

Birdwell coughed. "Upset stomach, it seems. The boy was sick this morning, but insisted on coming down to the office. Callahan says leaving the house about half past 10. At 11 he was back, and seemed so sick that his mother had a doctor in."

"Henry sick!" Ruth marvelled to herself. "Why, he has the constitution of an ox! I wonder—"

Whatever it was she was about to ask herself was cut short by McMann's next question, aimed at Birdwell: "What about Rita Dubois?" Any word from Clay?"

"Yes, sir. Clay has traced her to the home of a friend of hers—a Miss Wilbur—Willette Wilbur. Another dancer, living with her mother—and he consulted a memorandum for the address.

"Then why doesn't he bring her in?" McMann demanded impatiently.

Birdwell refused to be hurried.

"The girls are out, sir, according to Mrs. Wilbur. She says Miss Dubois spent the night with her daughter, and that after breakfast this morning the two girls went downtown together, to do some shopping. They expected to have lunch with Mrs. Wilbur, and mentioned that they would be back by one o'clock."

"Well, I guess there's nothing to do but to wait," McMann admitted grudgingly. "By the way, Birdwell, Clay didn't tip off Mrs. Wilbur that Rita was wanted by the police, did he?"

Birdwell smiled slightly. "Not Clay! He's watching the house and has instructed the central telephone office to plug in any calls from or to the Wilbur number on the phone I'm holding down out here. Just in case Mrs. Wilbur might try to warn the girl, you know."

"Good!" McMann applauded.

"That's all—no, send Covey in to me. He's in 715 down the hall, you know.... And now, Hayward, another question, if you can spare the time," he called out sarcastically to the young man who stood at one of the front windows, his arm about Ruth Lester's shoulders.

"Yes?" Jack wheeled.

"You've said you and Miss Lester attended a matinee. Which theatre? When did the curtain go up?"

Ruth saw the drift of the question before it was apparent to Jack, but there was nothing to do but to stand quietly in the circle of his arm as he answered:

"The Princess Theatre. The play was 'Murder!' The curtain rose at 2.45."

"Murder?" Rather a neat coincidence, eh? I hope you both enjoyed the show?"

Ruth, remembering how she had wept uncontrollably during the second act because the district attorney reminded her of her dead father, did not answer except with a nervous flicker of her eyelashes, and Jack's only response was a tightening of his arm about the girl's shoulders.

"Two forty-five curtain, eh?" McMann nodded, his eyes narrowing to points of steely light. "You say you were not in your office at 2.10 when Cowan was plugged in on a busy line after he'd called your number, that you were rejoining Miss Lester, at the Chester Hotel at that moment. Right?"

"That's correct," Jack retorted curtly.

McMann shuffled his notes, pretending to consult them to refresh his memory. "And yet, Hayward, you were in such a hurry to leave the hotel that you didn't take time to read the figures on your check, and started off in a rush without your briefcase. According to the waiter's story, you didn't have to descend after you got back to the hotel, as you say, it was only 10 after two when you returned, what was your hurry?"

"I was not in a hurry," Jack contradicted. "I had a cup of coffee, sat talking with Miss Lester for a few minutes, and left the dining room at 2.25. We were both under the impression that it was a 2.30 curtain and walked directly to the theatre, which is four blocks from the Chester Hotel."

"Hm!" McMann considered.

Then, "So you were among the first arrivals, eh? The doorman and usher would be likely to remember you, I suppose, and could corroborate your story?"

Jack's hand closed so tightly over Ruth's shoulder that she winced, but his voice was steady, then:

"No!" Ruth denied. No, no! She had told him the truth. It must have been her apartment key which had fallen out of her purse and which Jack had been returning. But—why hadn't he explained

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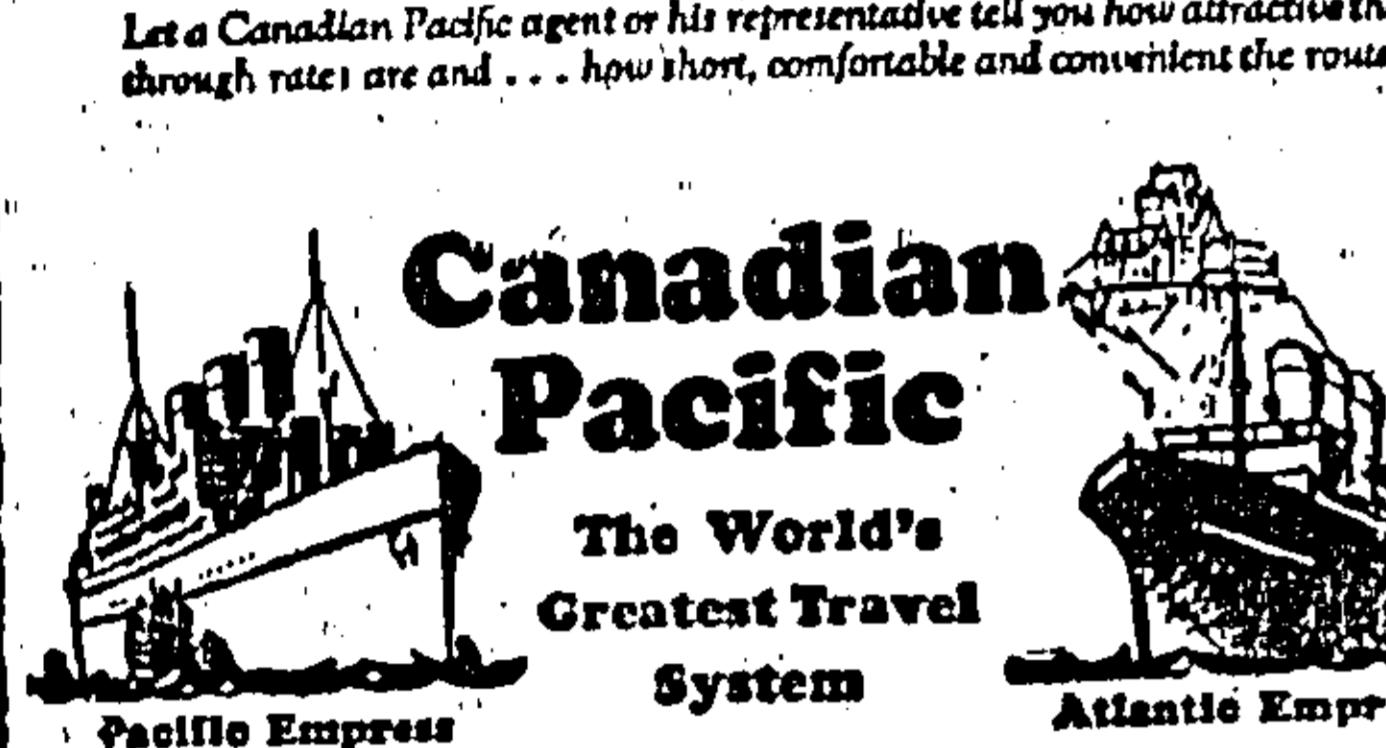
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SMALL-POX FIGURES.

LAST WEEK'S RETURN SHOWS
FURTHER DECREASE.

The weekly return of the Medical Officer of Health showed a further decline for last week in the number of small-pox cases. Only eleven were reported as against 16 the previous week. Nine of these came from Victoria and two from Kowloon. Ten were Chinese (two imported) and one Japanese. The deaths numbered 16.

Yesterday, two more Chinese cases were reported from the Victoria registration district.

The following table gives the weekly return since November 3:

Week Ending	Cases	Deaths
November 8	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	81	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	83	25
December 8	61	15
December 14	91	29
December 22	81	23
December 29	78	88
January 5	80	48
January 12	85	44
January 19	91	68
January 26	78	77
February 2	67	58
February 9	80	55
February 16	47	61
February 23	54	50
March 2	51	34
March 9	37	42
March 16	31	51
March 23	22	29
April 3	19	10
April 10	21	39
April 17	10	36
April 24	11	15
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DISARMAMENT.

USE OF POISON GAS.

Geneva, Apr. 30.

In the Disarmament Committee, Lord Cushendun announced that Great Britain would ratify the Geneva Protocol of 1925 prohibiting the use of poison gas in wartime, provided the other Powers also ratified it.

Lord Cushendun made a similar reservation on behalf of the Governments of Australia, South Africa, New Zealand and the Irish Free State.

Mr. Riddell (Canada) announced that the Canadian Government intended to submit to Parliament a proposal to ratify the protocol, subject to reciprocity.

Limitation Questions.

The Committee discussed tables annexed to the draft treaty dealing with maximum land, sea and air forces, and decided to adjourn consideration of the proposals with regard to maximum naval armaments.

The British Empire and American delegations accept limitation of naval effectiveness only if they be generally accepted, and a satisfactory agreement be reached with regard to limitation of warships.

The matter will be discussed when the American delegation produces its scheme for naval disarmament.—Reuters.

MINISTER TO CANADA.

APPOINTMENT OF MR.

IYEMASA TOKUGAWA.

Tokyo, Apr. 30.

Mr. Iyemasa Tokugawa, former Counsellor to the Japanese Embassy in London, a grandson of the last Tokugawa Shogun, has been appointed Japan's first Minister to Canada.—Reuters.

HONGKONG RADIO.

TO-DAY'S LOCAL BROADCAST.

EUROPEANS ROBBED.

THEFTS FROM TWO KOW- LOON DWELLINGS.

Two burglaries occurred in Nathan Road, Kowloon, on Monday night, the first at the home of Mr. S. H. Losoby, at No. 3, and the second at that of Captain A. Corballs, of the Somerset Light Infantry, at No. 9. In both cases access to the houses was effected by means of an open window, and the indications seem to go to show that the robberies are the work of an organised gang.

While Mr. Losoby was asleep a burglar or burglars climbed up to the open bedroom window, and opening the drawer of the dressing-table extracted a pair of gold cuff links and \$30 in cash; while at the house of Captain Corballs a crocodile-leather travelling clock and \$2 in cash were taken from the dressing-table.

Up to late last night there was no definite clue as to the identity of the burglars, but it is thought that the same gang may be at work that robbed the houses of Mr. T. Hamilton and Mr. Edmonds in Hongkong recently.

The accused man in this latter case it will be recalled, told the police that he would take them to the address of the head of the gang. This he did, but on arrival of the police at the address in Kowloon it was found that the wanted man had disappeared. The methods used in the two robberies on Monday are said to have been identical with those employed in the Hongkong burglaries.

SOVIET UNMASKED.

BOLSHEVIST PLOTTING IN EGYPT EXPOSED.

Cairo, Apr. 30.

The Egyptian authorities have unmasked a serious attempt by the Soviet to establish a centre of Bolshevik propaganda in Egypt, under the cloak of an agency called the Textile Imports Limited, which the Soviet was allowed to establish two years ago, in Alexandria, to purchase cotton.

Subsequently, after the arrival of one Alexia Vasiloff as manager of the agency, the purchases of cotton declined. When the agency engaged a certain Hugo Rudolf instead of a local cotton expert, the authorities made an enquiry, and soon obtained sufficient evidence to warrant the arrest of Rudolf and other Communists with whom he had established contact.

It appears that Rudolf was really Rudolf Plinis, a brother of Edward Plinis, head of the "Sovtorgflot," Constantinople. Letters from the latter were found on him, proving that the main object of the Soviet cotton agency was to promote the cause of Bolshevism.

Plinis has been deported, and Vasiloff has left at the request of the Egyptian Government.—Reuters.

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JEYPORE | 5,318 | 15th June. | Marsilles, London, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg

RAJPUTANA | 16,568 | 22nd June. | Bombay, M'les & L'don

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TALMA | 10,000 | 13th May. | Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Yoko & Osaka

— | 14th May. | Moji, Kobe & Osaka

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GUINA | 5,248 | 22nd May. | Moji, Kobe & Osaka

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NANKING ON THEIR DIGNITY.

KUOMINCHUN CONDEMNED FOR SHANTUNG ACTION.

TENSION UNRELAXED.

Nanking, Apr. 30. A statement regarding the weekend developments over the occupation of Shantung, suggesting strong feeling against Feng Yu-hsiang, is reported to have been made by General Ho Ying-ching, the Chief of Staff to the Nationalist Army.

According to Chinese reports, General Ho Ying-ching declared that as General Sun Liang-sing was officially appointed as Civil Governor of Shantung by the Central Government, it was a gross breach of discipline to retire with his troops without the consent of the Nanking authorities.

His truculent attitude, and the manner of his expression of dissatisfaction at the Central Government's decisions regarding the disposition of troops, is to be strongly condemned.

General Ho stated that a telegram had been despatched to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, instructing him to advise his subordinates retiring from Shantung to return and to respect the dignity of the Nanking authorities.

Mr. Wu Han-min is stated to have commented on the situation in similar terms, characterising the excuse of illness advanced by General Sun Liang-sing as an absurd pretext.

Ridiculous Position.

He condemned General Sun as endeavouring to put the National Government into a ridiculous position, while there might be a grave possibility of international complications if there were insufficient troops in Shantung to guarantee peace and order.

It is reported in Chinese circles that the Nanking Government may shortly demand an inquiry into the reasons for General Sun Liang-sing's sudden retirement from Shantung.

In view of the delicacy of the situation, the newspapers were prohibited from publishing the facts of the Shantung trouble, though a number of veiled hints have been given.

A Chengchow message says that Feng Yu-hsiang fully endorses the action of his subordinate, Sun Liang-sing, and there seems little doubt that the retirement was carried out under instructions from Marshal Feng.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is expected in Nanking to-morrow.

FRENCH AVIATION PROSPECTS.

AIR SERVICES TO AND IN FAR EAST?

Paris, Apr. 30. At a dinner given in honour of Ballay and Regnensi, the Air Minister declared that their recent flight gave very useful indications for the establishment of a regular air service between France and Indo-China.

In addition, French airmen will this year make trial flights from Rangoon to Indo-China, and the air service may later be extended further East. The project is being submitted to the Chamber of Deputies.

SANITARY BOARD VACANCY.

MR. M. K. LO THE ONLY CANDIDATE.

Contrary to expectations, the only candidate for the seat on the Sanitary Board vacated by Dr. S. C. Ho is Mr. M. K. Lo, whose nomination has been proposed by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and seconded by the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Seen at one o'clock this afternoon, when the time-limit for the sending in of nominations closed, the Registrar, Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, said that as there was only one nomination, the process of holding an election would not be called for.

"CHEAP YELLOW LABOUR."

RUSSIANS OBJECT TO CHINESE WORKERS.

Riga, Apr. 30. Russian Trade Union representatives have protested to Moscow against the employment of "cheap yellow labour" as being inconsistent with the principles of a proletarian dictatorship.

The protest is a sequel to the importation of Chinese labour for the cotton fields in Fergana and Uzbek from Chinese Turkestan.—Reuters.

SPLENDID GIFT TO HOSPITAL FUND.

LORD REVELSTOKE LEAVES £100,000.

THANKS TO "AUDAX."

London, Apr. 30. It is learned that Lord Revelstoke, who died suddenly in Paris as the result of a heart attack when attending the Reparations Conference as the principal British delegate, has bequeathed £100,000 to King Edward's Hospital Fund, the income from which is to be distributed annually.

The following letter has been addressed by Lord Stamfordham, the King's Private Secretary to "Audax," the donor of the gift of one hundred thousand guineas to a Thank-Offering Fund for the King's recovery. "Dear Audax: The proposal to express your gratitude for the King's recovery in the noble and generous manner indicated in your letter is welcomed with feelings of deep appreciation by His Majesty."

The one hundred thousand guineas will indeed find a splendid nucleus to the appeal made by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, and the King knows by experience that the whole amount of this thank-offering will be wisely and effectively administered by the Council.

For almost thirty years, His Majesty has taken the deepest interest in the Fund, of which he was President for some nine years, and he emphasises what the hospitals of London owe to its admirable work and administration.

Moreover, owing to his recovery from a long and serious illness King recognises his debt of gratitude to the doctors, surgeons, and nurses, and that it is in the great hospital that both medical science has developed and the nursing profession has been trained to its present standard of excellence.—*Reuter and British Wires*.

TUESDAY'S SOLAR ECLIPSE.

SHOULD BE QUITE VISIBLE IN HONGKONG.

HOW TO OBSERVE IT.

The following information in regard to the solar eclipse which takes place on Tuesday next is courteously forwarded by Mr. C. W. Jeffries, acting Director of the Royal Observatory:

An eclipse of the sun occurs on May 9th, visible in its total phase in a line extending from a point in the Indian Ocean 600 miles to the South-West of Madagascar across Northern Sumatra, Malaya, Indo-China and the Philippines. It will be visible as a partial eclipse over East Africa, India, the greater part of China, Japan, the East Indies and Australia.

In Hongkong the standard times of the various phases are as follows:

Beginning	2. 5 p.m.
Centre of Eclipse	3.21 "
End	4.31 "

During the greatest phase, 64 of the sun's surface will be eclipsed by the moon's disc. The first and last contacts occur at angles of 221 and 147 respectively from the north point of the sun.

The phenomenon may be observed in any telescope with a suitable coloured screen. A telescope with a positive eye piece (i.e. an inverting or astronomical telescope) can be arranged as a photographic lens to project an image of the sun on a suitably placed white screen.

BRADFORD CITY ON TOP AT LAST.

LEAGUE-WINNING VICTORY AT ROCHDALE?

London, Apr. 30.

Bradford City go to the head of the Third Division (North) as the result of a brilliant victory at Rochdale to-day. The championship was probably at stake in this game, and Bradford City played splendidly, winning by three goals to one.

The leaders in the Division are now shown in the league table as follows:

Bradford C. 41 26 9 6 125 42 61
Stockport 41 27 6 8 108 56 60
Wrexham 41 21 10 10 90 66 52

On Saturday, when the last matches of the season are to be played, Bradford City are at home to South Shields, while Stockport are at home to Barrow.—Reuters.

PARIS FEARS MAY DAY TROUBLE.

DRASTIC PRECAUTIONS BY HOME SECRETARY.

AGITATORS DETAINED.

London, Apr. 30. Like Germany, France is apprehensive of trouble to-morrow when Labour organisations plan to hold the usual May Day celebrations. Draistic precautions against untoward incidents have been taken by the Minister of the Interior, as the result of which, it has been considered necessary to arrest a large number of suspicious foreigners.

Raids were carried out in different parts of the city last night, and twenty-five of the suspects have been expelled from the country, including M. Bespaloff, the President of the Lyons Union for the Repatriation of Russians. Bespaloff is a well-known member of the Third International and it is believed that he was sent to Paris for the express purpose of directing foreign Communist agitation, and to foster demonstrations to-morrow.

M. Davilleux, the Secretary of the Extremist Trade Unionist Confederations, whom his party had instructed to remain in hiding until to-morrow, was also arrested.—Reuters.

Border Countries Follow.

Riga, Apr. 30. The Latvian authorities have forbidden May Day demonstrations. The police to-day raided Communist headquarters and seized correspondence from the Third International, threatening to discontinue financing the Latvian "Comrades" unless they demonstrated on May Day.

It is learned from Kovno, that the Lithuanian Government has issued a similar order, and has closed down all Socialist organisations.—Reuters.

Three hundred and fourteen persons suspected of "militant communism" have now been arrested in Paris. Troops from several provincial garrisons have arrived and the police have been reinforced.—Reuters.

SHOCK FOR LOCAL MOTORISTS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

1928. A local difficulty might be smuggling. But as the article is bulky this difficulty, which means smuggling from Canton, would not be real unless the tax were made much higher, say 40 cents a gallon. The duty on importation of China is considerably more than that proposed for Hongkong.

Solid Tyres Expensive.

There are only about three large firms who import petrol into Hongkong. It should be easy to license such firms for wholesale dealing and duty collected from these firms on returns periodically given to the revenue authorities, such returns being checked by the difference between Exports and Imports and amount in storage.

As it is not advisable to put too great a tax on petrol, the Committee state, it becomes necessary to increase the tax on motor vehicles by other means and it is recommended that the system in force in Great Britain be adopted. That is, in addition to the Petrol Tax there should be a horse power tax on private vehicles, a seating tax on Hackney vehicles and a weight tax on commercial vehicles (i.e. lorries). It is further proposed to treble the last mentioned tax in the case of solid tyred lorries owing to the great damage done to roads by such vehicles.

The Committee were of the opinion that solid tyred vehicles could not be prohibited, and in order to discourage their use suggested increased licence fees for such vehicles.

Comparable Figures.

Justification for the heavy increases involved in many cases is provided by an annexure, showing that the amount spent in 1928 on maintenance of roads open to Motor Traffic was as follows:

Maintenance of Roads and Bridges in City	\$ 70,615.06
Maintenance of Roads and Bridges outside City	109,008.00
Maintenance of Roads and Bridges in Kowloon	65,074.32
Maintenance of Roads and Bridges in New Kowloon	18,429.21
Maintenance of Roads and Bridges in New Territories	63,021.89

Total \$117,739.38

The amount collected in Motor Licence fees, in 1928, was as follows:

Motor Car Licences \$ 01,704.00	
Motor Drivers' Licences	26,380.75

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